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**William Shakespeare**

**Taming of the Shrew.**

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**1594**

## THE TAMING OF THE SHREW

### Dramatis Personae

#### Persons in the Induction

A LORD

CHRISTOPHER SLY, a tinker

HOSTESS

PAGE

PLAYERS

HUNTSMEN

SERVANTS

BAPTISTA MINOLA, a gentleman of Padua

VINCENTIO, a Merchant of Pisa

LUCENTIO, son to Vincentio, in love with Bianca

PETRUCHIO, a gentleman of Verona, a suitor to

Katherina

Suitors to Bianca  
GREMIO  
HORTENSIO

Servants to Lucentio  
TRANIO  
BIONDELLO

Servants to Petruchio  
GRUMIO  
CURTIS

A PEDANT

Daughters to Baptista  
KATHERINA, the shrew  
BIANCA

A WIDOW

Tailor, Haberdasher, and Servants attending on  
Baptista and  
Petruchio

SCENE:  
Padua, and PETRUCHIO'S house in the  
country

INDUCTION. SCENE I.  
Before an alehouse on a heath

Enter HOSTESS and SLY

SLY. I'll pheeze you, in faith.  
HOSTESS. A pair of stocks, you rogue!  
SLY. Y'are a baggage; the Slys are no rogues. Look  
in the  
chronicles: we came in with Richard Conqueror.  
Therefore, paucas  
pallabris; let the world slide. Sessa!  
HOSTESS. You will not pay for the glasses you have  
burst?  
SLY. No, not a denier. Go by, Saint Jeronimy, go to  
thy cold bed

and warm thee.

HOSTESS. I know my remedy; I must go fetch the third-borough.

Exit

SLY. Third, or fourth, or fifth borough, I'll answer him by law.

I'll not budge an inch, boy; let him come, and kindly.

[Falls asleep]

Wind horns. Enter a LORD from bunting, with his train

LORD. Huntsman, I charge thee, tender well my hounds;

Brach Merriman, the poor cur, is emboss'd;  
And couple Clowder with the deep-mouth'd brach.  
Saw'st thou not, boy, how Silver made it good  
At the hedge corner, in the coldest fault?  
I would not lose the dog for twenty pound.

FIRST HUNTSMAN. Why, Belman is as good as he, my lord;

He cried upon it at the merest loss,  
And twice to-day pick'd out the dullest scent;  
Trust me, I take him for the better dog.

LORD. Thou art a fool; if Echo were as fleet,  
I would esteem him worth a dozen such.  
But sup them well, and look unto them all;  
To-morrow I intend to hunt again.

FIRST HUNTSMAN. I will, my lord.

LORD. What's here? One dead, or drunk?

See, doth he breathe?

SECOND HUNTSMAN. He breathes, my lord. Were he not warm'd with ale,

This were a bed but cold to sleep so soundly.

LORD. O monstrous beast, how like a swine he lies!  
Grim death, how foul and loathsome is thine image!  
Sirs, I will practise on this drunken man.  
What think you, if he were convey'd to bed,  
Wrapp'd in sweet clothes, rings put upon his fingers,

A most delicious banquet by his bed,  
And brave attendants near him when he wakes,  
Would not the beggar then forget himself?

FIRST HUNTSMAN. Believe me, lord, I think he cannot choose.

SECOND HUNTSMAN. It would seem strange unto him when he wak'd.

LORD. Even as a flatt'ring dream or worthless fancy.  
Then take him up, and manage well the jest:  
Carry him gently to my fairest chamber,  
And hang it round with all my wanton pictures;  
Balm his foul head in warm distilled waters,  
And burn sweet wood to make the lodging sweet;  
Procure me music ready when he wakes,  
To make a dulcet and a heavenly sound;  
And if he chance to speak, be ready straight,  
And with a low submissive reverence  
Say 'What is it your honour will command?'  
Let one attend him with a silver basin  
Full of rose-water and bestrew'd with flowers;  
Another bear the ewer, the third a diaper,  
And say 'Will't please your lordship cool your hands?'

Some one be ready with a costly suit,  
And ask him what apparel he will wear;  
Another tell him of his hounds and horse,  
And that his lady mourns at his disease;  
Persuade him that he hath been lunatic,  
And, when he says he is, say that he dreams,  
For he is nothing but a mighty lord.  
This do, and do it kindly, gentle sirs;  
It will be pastime passing excellent,  
If it be husbanded with modesty.

FIRST HUNTSMAN. My lord, I warrant you we will play our part

As he shall think by our true diligence  
He is no less than what we say he is.

LORD. Take him up gently, and to bed with him;  
And each one to his office when he wakes.

[SLY is carried out. A trumpet sounds]

Sirrah, go see what trumpet 'tis that sounds-

Exit

SERVANT

Belike some noble gentleman that means,  
Travelling some journey, to repose him here.

Re-enter a SERVINGMAN

How now! who is it?  
SERVANT. An't please your honour, players  
That offer service to your lordship.  
LORD. Bid them come near.

Enter PLAYERS

Now, fellows, you are welcome.  
PLAYERS. We thank your honour.  
LORD. Do you intend to stay with me to-night?  
PLAYER. So please your lordship to accept our duty.  
LORD. With all my heart. This fellow I remember  
Since once he play'd a farmer's eldest son;  
'Twas where you woo'd the gentlewoman so well.  
I have forgot your name; but, sure, that part  
Was aptly fitted and naturally perform'd.  
PLAYER. I think 'twas Soto that your honour means.  
LORD. 'Tis very true; thou didst it excellent.  
Well, you are come to me in happy time,  
The rather for I have some sport in hand  
Wherein your cunning can assist me much.  
There is a lord will hear you play to-night;  
But I am doubtful of your modesties,  
Lest, over-eying of his odd behaviour,  
For yet his honour never heard a play,  
You break into some merry passion  
And so offend him; for I tell you, sirs,  
If you should smile, he grows impatient.  
PLAYER. Fear not, my lord; we can contain ourselves,  
Were he the veriest antic in the world.  
LORD. Go, sirrah, take them to the buttery,  
And give them friendly welcome every one;  
Let them want nothing that my house affords.

Exit one with

the PLAYERS

Sirrah, go you to Bartholomew my page,  
And see him dress'd in all suits like a lady;  
That done, conduct him to the drunkard's chamber,  
And call him 'madam,' do him obeisance.  
Tell him from me- as he will win my love-  
He bear himself with honourable action,  
Such as he hath observ'd in noble ladies  
Unto their lords, by them accomplished;  
Such duty to the drunkard let him do,

SERVINGMAN

Exeunt

A bedchamber in the LORD'S house

LORD

ne'er drank sack in my life; and if you give me

give me conserves of beef. Ne'er ask me what  
raiment I'll wear,

legs, nor no more shoes than feet- nay, sometime  
more feet than

LORD. Heaven cease this idle humour in your honour!

SLY. What, would you make me mad? Am not I  
Christopher Sly, old

cardmaker, by transmutation a bear-herd, and now  
by present

Wincot, if she know me not; if she say I am not  
fourteen pence on

Christendom. What! I am not bestraught. [Taking  
a pot of ale]

THIRD SERVANT. O, this it is that makes your lady  
mourn!

LORD. Hence comes it that your kindred shuns your house,

Each in his office ready at thy beck.

plays, [Music]

Or wilt thou sleep? We'll have thee to a couch

Softer and sweeter than the lustful bed

On purpose trimm'd up for Semiramis.  
Say thou wilt walk: we will bestrew the ground.  
Or wilt thou ride? Thy horses shall be trapp'd,  
Their harness studded all with gold and pearl.  
Dost thou love hawking? Thou hast hawks will soar  
Above the morning lark. Or wilt thou hunt?  
Thy hounds shall make the welkin answer them  
And fetch shall echoes from the hollow earth.

FIRST SERVANT. Say thou wilt course; thy greyhounds  
are as swift

As breathed stags; ay, fleeter than the roe.

SECOND SERVANT. Dost thou love pictures? We will  
fetch thee

straight

Adonis painted by a running brook,  
And Cytherea all in sedges hid,  
Which seem to move and wanton with her breath  
Even as the waving sedges play wi' th' wind.

LORD. We'll show thee lo as she was a maid  
And how she was beguiled and surpris'd,  
As lively painted as the deed was done.

THIRD SERVANT. Or Daphne roaming through a thorny  
wood,

Scratching her legs, that one shall swear she  
bleeds

And at that sight shall sad Apollo weep,  
So workmanly the blood and tears are drawn.

LORD. Thou art a lord, and nothing but a lord.  
Thou hast a lady far more beautiful  
Than any woman in this waning age.

FIRST SERVANT. And, till the tears that she hath  
shed for thee

Like envious floods o'er-run her lovely face,  
She was the fairest creature in the world;  
And yet she is inferior to none.

SLY. Am I a lord and have I such a lady?  
Or do I dream? Or have I dream'd till now?  
I do not sleep: I see, I hear, I speak;  
I smell sweet savours, and I feel soft things.  
Upon my life, I am a lord indeed,  
And not a tinker, nor Christopher Sly.  
Well, bring our lady hither to our sight;  
And once again, a pot o' th' smallest ale.

SECOND SERVANT. Will't please your Mightiness to  
wash your hands?



O, how we joy to see your wit restor'd!  
O, that once more you knew but what you are!  
These fifteen years you have been in a dream;  
Or, when you wak'd, so wak'd as if you slept.  
SLY. These fifteen years! by my fay, a goodly nap.

But did I never speak of all that time?

FIRST SERVANT. O, yes, my lord, but very idle words;  
For though you lay here in this goodly chamber,  
Yet would you say ye were beaten out of door;  
And rail upon the hostess of the house,  
And say you would present her at the leet,  
Because she brought stone jugs and no seal'd  
quarts.

Sometimes you would call out for Cicely Hacket.

SLY. Ay, the woman's maid of the house.

THIRD SERVANT. Why, sir, you know no house nor no  
such maid,

Nor no such men as you have reckon'd up,  
As Stephen Sly, and old John Naps of Greece,  
And Peter Turph, and Henry Pimpernell;  
And twenty more such names and men as these,  
Which never were, nor no man ever saw.

SLY. Now, Lord be thanked for my good amends!

ALL. Amen.

Enter the PAGE as a lady, with ATTENDANTS

SLY. I thank thee; thou shalt not lose by it.

PAGE. How fares my noble lord?

SLY. Marry, I fare well; for here is cheer enough.  
Where is my wife?

PAGE. Here, noble lord; what is thy will with her?

SLY. Are you my wife, and will not call me husband?

My men should call me 'lord'; I am your goodman.

PAGE. My husband and my lord, my lord and husband;  
I am your wife in all obedience.

SLY. I know it well. What must I call her?

LORD. Madam.

SLY. Al'ce madam, or Joan madam?

LORD. Madam, and nothing else; so lords call ladies.

SLY. Madam wife, they say that I have dream'd

And slept above some fifteen year or more.

PAGE. Ay, and the time seems thirty unto me,

Being all this time abandon'd from your bed.

SLY. 'Tis much. Servants, leave me and her alone.

Exeunt

SERVANTS

Madam, undress you, and come now to bed.

PAGE. Thrice noble lord, let me entreat of you

To pardon me yet for a night or two;

Or, if not so, until the sun be set.

For your physicians have expressly charg'd,

In peril to incur your former malady,

That I should yet absent me from your bed.

I hope this reason stands for my excuse.

SLY. Ay, it stands so that I may hardly tarry so long. But I would

be loath to fall into my dreams again. I will therefore tarry in

despite of the flesh and the blood.

Enter a MESSENGER

MESSENGER. Your honour's players, hearing your amendment,

Are come to play a pleasant comedy;

For so your doctors hold it very meet,

Seeing too much sadness hath congeal'd your blood,

And melancholy is the nurse of frenzy.

Therefore they thought it good you hear a play

And frame your mind to mirth and merriment,

Which bars a thousand harms and lengthens life.

SLY. Marry, I will; let them play it. Is not a comonty a

Christmas gambold or a tumbling-trick?

PAGE. No, my good lord, it is more pleasing stuff.

SLY. What, household stuff?

PAGE. It is a kind of history.

SLY. Well, we'll see't. Come, madam wife, sit by my side and let

the world slip;-we shall ne'er be younger.

[They

sit down]

A flourish of trumpets announces the play

ACT I. SCENE I.

Padua. A public place

Enter LUCENTIO and his man TRANIO

LUCENTIO. Tranio, since for the great desire I had  
To see fair Padua, nursery of arts,  
I am arriv'd for fruitful Lombardy,  
The pleasant garden of great Italy,  
And by my father's love and leave am arm'd  
With his good will and thy good company,  
My trusty servant well approv'd in all,  
Here let us breathe, and haply institute  
A course of learning and ingenious studies.  
Pisa, renowned for grave citizens,  
Gave me my being and my father first,  
A merchant of great traffic through the world,  
Vincentio, come of the Bentivolii;  
Vincentio's son, brought up in Florence,  
It shall become to serve all hopes conceiv'd,  
To deck his fortune with his virtuous deeds.  
And therefore, Tranio, for the time I study,  
Virtue and that part of philosophy  
Will I apply that treats of happiness  
By virtue specially to be achiev'd.  
Tell me thy mind; for I have Pisa left  
And am to Padua come as he that leaves  
A shallow plash to plunge him in the deep,  
And with satiety seeks to quench his thirst.

TRANIO. Mi perdonato, gentle master mine;  
I am in all affected as yourself;  
Glad that you thus continue your resolve  
To suck the sweets of sweet philosophy.  
Only, good master, while we do admire  
This virtue and this moral discipline,  
Let's be no Stoics nor no stocks, I pray,  
Or so devote to Aristotle's checks  
As Ovid be an outcast quite abjur'd.  
Balk logic with acquaintance that you have,  
And practise rhetoric in your common talk;  
Music and poesy use to quicken you;  
The mathematics and the metaphysics,  
Fall to them as you find your stomach serves you.  
No profit grows where is no pleasure ta'en;  
In brief, sir, study what you most affect.

LUCENTIO. Gramercies, Tranio, well dost thou advise.  
If, Biondello, thou wert come ashore,  
We could at once put us in readiness,  
And take a lodging fit to entertain  
Such friends as time in Padua shall beget.

Enter BAPTISTA with his two daughters, KATHERINA  
and BIANCA; GREMIO, a pantaloon; HORTENSIO,  
suitor to BIANCA. LUCENTIO and TRANIO stand by

But stay awhile; what company is this?

TRANIO. Master, some show to welcome us to town.

BAPTISTA. Gentlemen, importune me no farther,  
For how I firmly am resolv'd you know;  
That is, not to bestow my youngest daughter  
Before I have a husband for the elder.  
If either of you both love Katherina,  
Because I know you well and love you well,  
Leave shall you have to court her at your  
pleasure.

GREMIO. To cart her rather. She's too rough for me.

There, there, Hortensio, will you any wife?

KATHERINA. [To BAPTISTA] I pray you, sir, is it  
your will

To make a stale of me amongst these mates?

HORTENSIO. Mates, maid! How mean you that? No mates  
for you,

Unless you were of gentler, milder mould.

KATHERINA. I' faith, sir, you shall never need to  
fear;

Iwis it is not halfway to her heart;

But if it were, doubt not her care should be  
To comb your noddle with a three-legg'd stool,  
And paint your face, and use you like a fool.

HORTENSIO. From all such devils, good Lord deliver  
us!

GREMIO. And me, too, good Lord!

TRANIO. Husht, master! Here's some good pastime  
toward;

That wench is stark mad or wonderful froward.

LUCENTIO. But in the other's silence do I see  
Maid's mild behaviour and sobriety.

Peace, Tranio!

TRANIO. Well said, master; mum! and gaze your fill.

BAPTISTA. Gentlemen, that I may soon make good

What I have said- Bianca, get you in;  
And let it not displease thee, good Bianca,  
For I will love thee ne'er the less, my girl.

KATHERINA. A pretty peat! it is best

Put finger in the eye, an she knew why.

BIANCA. Sister, content you in my discontent.

Sir, to your pleasure humbly I subscribe;  
My books and instruments shall be my company,  
On them to look, and practise by myself.

LUCENTIO. Hark, Tranio, thou mayst hear Minerva  
speak!

HORTENSIO. Signior Baptista, will you be so strange?

Sorry am I that our good will effects  
Bianca's grief.

GREMIO. Why will you mew her up,  
Signior Baptista, for this fiend of hell,  
And make her bear the penance of her tongue?

BAPTISTA. Gentlemen, content ye; I am resolv'd.  
Go in, Bianca.

Exit BIANCA

And for I know she taketh most delight  
In music, instruments, and poetry,  
Schoolmasters will I keep within my house  
Fit to instruct her youth. If you, Hortensio,  
Or, Signior Gremio, you, know any such,  
Prefer them hither; for to cunning men  
I will be very kind, and liberal  
To mine own children in good bringing-up;  
And so, farewell. Katherina, you may stay;  
For I have more to commune with

Bianca. Exit

KATHERINA. Why, and I trust I may go too, may I not?

What! shall I be appointed hours, as though,  
belike,

I knew not what to take and what to leave?

Ha! Exit

GREMIO. You may go to the devil's dam; your gifts  
are so good

here's none will hold you. There! Love is not so  
great,

Hortensio, but we may blow our nails together,  
and fast it fairly

out; our cake's dough on both sides. Farewell;  
yet, for the love

I bear my sweet Bianca, if I can by any means  
light on a fit man

to teach her that wherein she delights, I will  
wish him to her

father.

HORTENSIO. SO Will I, Signior Gremio; but a word, I

pray. Though

the nature of our quarrel yet never brook'd  
parle, know now, upon

advice, it toucheth us both- that we may yet  
again have access to

our fair mistress, and be happy rivals in  
Bianca's love- to

labour and effect one thing specially.

GREMIO. What's that, I pray?

HORTENSIO. Marry, sir, to get a husband for her  
sister.

GREMIO. A husband? a devil.

HORTENSIO. I say a husband.

GREMIO. I say a devil. Think'st thou, Hortensio,  
though her father

be very rich, any man is so very a fool to be  
married to hell?

HORTENSIO. Tush, Gremio! Though it pass your  
patience and mine to

endure her loud alarums, why, man, there be good  
fellows in the

world, an a man could light on them, would take  
her with all

faults, and money enough.

GREMIO. I cannot tell; but I had as lief take her  
dowry with this

condition: to be whipp'd at the high cross every  
morning.

HORTENSIO. Faith, as you say, there's small choice  
in rotten

apples. But, come; since this bar in law makes us  
friends, it

shall be so far forth friendly maintain'd till by  
helping

Baptista's eldest daughter to a husband we set  
his youngest free

for a husband, and then have to't afresh. Sweet  
Bianca! Happy man

be his dole! He that runs fastest gets the ring.  
How say you,

Signior Gremio?

GREMIO. I am agreed; and would I had given him the  
best horse in

Padua to begin his wooing that would thoroughly  
woo her, wed her,

and bed her, and rid the house of her! Come on.

Exeunt GREMIO

and HORTENSIO

TRANIO. I pray, sir, tell me, is it possible  
That love should of a sudden take such hold?

LUCENTIO. O Tranio, till I found it to be true,  
I never thought it possible or likely.  
But see! while idly I stood looking on,  
I found the effect of love in idleness;  
And now in plainness do confess to thee,  
That art to me as secret and as dear  
As Anna to the Queen of Carthage was-  
Tranio, I burn, I pine, I perish, Tranio,  
If I achieve not this young modest girl.  
Counsel me, Tranio, for I know thou canst;  
Assist me, Tranio, for I know thou wilt.

TRANIO. Master, it is no time to chide you now;  
Affection is not rated from the heart;  
If love have touch'd you, nought remains but so:  
'Redime te captum quam queas minimo.'

LUCENTIO. Gramercies, lad. Go forward; this  
contents;

The rest will comfort, for thy counsel's sound.

TRANIO. Master, you look'd so longly on the maid.  
Perhaps you mark'd not what's the pith of all.

LUCENTIO. O, yes, I saw sweet beauty in her face,  
Such as the daughter of Agenor had,  
That made great Jove to humble him to her hand,  
When with his knees he kiss'd the Cretan strand.

TRANIO. Saw you no more? Mark'd you not how her  
sister

Began to scold and raise up such a storm  
That mortal ears might hardly endure the din?

LUCENTIO. Tranio, I saw her coral lips to move,  
And with her breath she did perfume the air;  
Sacred and sweet was all I saw in her.

TRANIO. Nay, then 'tis time to stir him from his  
trance.

I pray, awake, sir. If you love the maid,  
Bend thoughts and wits to achieve her. Thus it  
stands:

Her elder sister is so curst and shrewd  
That, till the father rid his hands of her,  
Master, your love must live a maid at home;  
And therefore has he closely mew'd her up,

Because she will not be annoy'd with suitors.  
LUCENTIO. Ah, Tranio, what a cruel father's he!  
But art thou not advis'd he took some care  
To get her cunning schoolmasters to instruct her?  
TRANIO. Ay, marry, am I, sir, and now 'tis plotted.  
LUCENTIO. I have it, Tranio.  
TRANIO. Master, for my hand,  
Both our inventions meet and jump in one.  
LUCENTIO. Tell me thine first.  
TRANIO. You will be schoolmaster,  
And undertake the teaching of the maid-  
That's your device.  
LUCENTIO. It is. May it be done?  
TRANIO. Not possible; for who shall bear your part  
And be in Padua here Vincentio's son;  
Keep house and ply his book, welcome his friends,  
Visit his countrymen, and banquet them?  
LUCENTIO. Basta, content thee, for I have it full.  
We have not yet been seen in any house,  
Nor can we be distinguish'd by our faces  
For man or master. Then it follows thus:  
Thou shalt be master, Tranio, in my stead,  
Keep house and port and servants, as I should;  
I will some other be- some Florentine,  
Some Neapolitan, or meaner man of Pisa.  
'Tis hatch'd, and shall be so. Tranio, at once  
Uncase thee; take my colour'd hat and cloak.  
When Biondello comes, he waits on thee;  
But I will charm him first to keep his tongue.  
TRANIO. So had you need. [They  
exchange habits]  
In brief, sir, sith it your pleasure is,  
And I am tied to be obedient-  
For so your father charg'd me at our parting:  
'Be serviceable to my son' quoth he,  
Although I think 'twas in another sense-  
I am content to be Lucentio,  
Because so well I love Lucentio.  
LUCENTIO. Tranio, be so because Lucentio loves;  
And let me be a slave t' achieve that maid  
Whose sudden sight hath thrall'd my wounded eye.

Enter BIONDELLO.

Here comes the rogue. Sirrah, where have you been?



BIONDELLO. Where have I been! Nay, how now! where are you?

Master, has my fellow Tranio stol'n your clothes?

Or you stol'n his? or both? Pray, what's the news?

LUCENTIO. Sirrah, come hither; 'tis no time to jest, And therefore frame your manners to the time.

Your fellow Tranio here, to save my life,

Puts my apparel and my count'nance on,

And I for my escape have put on his;

For in a quarrel since I came ashore

I kill'd a man, and fear I was descried.

Wait you on him, I charge you, as becomes,

While I make way from hence to save my life.

You understand me?

BIONDELLO. I, sir? Ne'er a whit.

LUCENTIO. And not a jot of Tranio in your mouth:

Tranio is chang'd into Lucentio.

BIONDELLO. The better for him; would I were so too!

TRANIO. So could I, faith, boy, to have the next wish after,

That Lucentio indeed had Baptista's youngest daughter.

But, sirrah, not for my sake but your master's, I advise

You use your manners discreetly in all kind of companies.

When I am alone, why, then I am Tranio;

But in all places else your master Lucentio.

LUCENTIO. Tranio, let's go.

One thing more rests, that thyself execute-

To make one among these wooers. If thou ask me why-

Sufficeth, my reasons are both good and weighty. Exeunt

The Presenters above speak

FIRST SERVANT. My lord, you nod; you do not mind the play.

SLY. Yes, by Saint Anne do I. A good matter, surely; comes there any more of it?

PAGE. My lord, 'tis but begun.

SLY. 'Tis a very excellent piece of work, madam lady  
Would 'twere done! [They

sit and mark]

SCENE II.

Padua. Before HORTENSIO'S house

Enter PETRUCHIO and his man GRUMIO

PETRUCHIO. Verona, for a while I take my leave,  
To see my friends in Padua; but of all  
My best beloved and approved friend,  
Hortensio; and I trow this is his house.  
Here, sirrah Grumio, knock, I say.

GRUMIO. Knock, sir! Whom should I knock?

Is there any man has rebus'd your worship?

PETRUCHIO. Villain, I say, knock me here soundly.

GRUMIO. Knock you here, sir? Why, sir, what am I,  
sir, that I

should knock you here, sir?

PETRUCHIO. Villain, I say, knock me at this gate,  
And rap me well, or I'll knock your knave's pate.

GRUMIO. My master is grown quarrelsome. I should  
knock you first,

And then I know after who comes by the worst.

PETRUCHIO. Will it not be?

Faith, sirrah, an you'll not knock I'll ring it;  
I'll try how you can sol-fa, and sing it.

[He wrings him

by the ears]

GRUMIO. Help, masters, help! My master is mad.

PETRUCHIO. Now knock when I bid you, sirrah villain!

Enter HORTENSIO

HORTENSIO. How now! what's the matter? My old  
friend Grumio and my

good friend Petruchio! How do you all at Verona?

PETRUCHIO. Signior Hortensio, come you to part the  
fray?

'Con tutto il cuore ben trovato' may I say.

HORTENSIO. Alla nostra casa ben venuto,  
Molto honorato signor mio Petruchio.

Rise, Grumio, rise; we will compound this quarrel.

GRUMIO. Nay, 'tis no matter, sir, what he 'leges in  
Latin. If this

be not a lawful cause for me to leave his  
service- look you, sir:

he bid me knock him and rap him soundly, sir.  
Well, was it fit

for a servant to use his master so; being,  
perhaps, for aught I  
see, two and thirty, a pip out?

Whom would to God I had well knock'd at first,  
Then had not Grumio come by the worst.

PETRUCHIO. A senseless villain! Good Hortensio,  
I bade the rascal knock upon your gate,  
And could not get him for my heart to do it.

GRUMIO. Knock at the gate? O heavens! Spake you not  
these words

plain: 'Sirrah knock me here, rap me here, knock  
me well, and

knock me soundly'? And come you now with  
'knocking at the gate'?

PETRUCHIO. Sirrah, be gone, or talk not, I advise  
you.

HORTENSIO. Petruchio, patience; I am Grumio's  
pledge;

Why, this's a heavy chance 'twixt him and you,  
Your ancient, trusty, pleasant servant Grumio.  
And tell me now, sweet friend, what happy gale  
Blows you to Padua here from old Verona?

PETRUCHIO. Such wind as scatters young men through  
the world

To seek their fortunes farther than at home,  
Where small experience grows. But in a few,  
Signior Hortensio, thus it stands with me:  
Antonio, my father, is deceas'd,  
And I have thrust myself into this maze,  
Haply to wive and thrive as best I may;  
Crowns in my purse I have, and goods at home,  
And so am come abroad to see the world.

HORTENSIO. Petruchio, shall I then come roundly to  
thee

And wish thee to a shrewd ill-favour'd wife?  
Thou'dst thank me but a little for my counsel,  
And yet I'll promise thee she shall be rich,  
And very rich; but th'art too much my friend,  
And I'll not wish thee to her.

PETRUCHIO. Signior Hortensio, 'twixt such friends  
as we

Few words suffice; and therefore, if thou know  
One rich enough to be Petruchio's wife,

As wealth is burden of my wooing dance,  
Be she as foul as was Florentius' love,  
As old as Sibyl, and as curst and shrewd  
As Socrates' Xanthippe or a worse-  
She moves me not, or not removes, at least,  
Affection's edge in me, were she as rough  
As are the swelling Adriatic seas.

I come to wive it wealthily in Padua;  
If wealthily, then happily in Padua.

GRUMIO. Nay, look you, sir, he tells you flatly  
what his mind is.

Why, give him gold enough and marry him to a  
puppet or an  
aglet-baby, or an old trot with ne'er a tooth in  
her head, though  
she has as many diseases as two and fifty horses.  
Why, nothing

comes amiss, so money comes withal.

HORTENSIO. Petruchio, since we are stepp'd thus far  
in,

I will continue that I broach'd in jest.  
I can, Petruchio, help thee to a wife  
With wealth enough, and young and beauteous;  
Brought up as best becomes a gentlewoman;  
Her only fault, and that is faults enough,  
Is- that she is intolerable curst,  
And shrewd and froward so beyond all measure  
That, were my state far worser than it is,  
I would not wed her for a mine of gold.

PETRUCHIO. Hortensio, peace! thou know'st not  
gold's effect.

Tell me her father's name, and 'tis enough;  
For I will board her though she chide as loud  
As thunder when the clouds in autumn crack.

HORTENSIO. Her father is Baptista Minola,  
An affable and courteous gentleman;  
Her name is Katherina Minola,  
Renown'd in Padua for her scolding tongue.

PETRUCHIO. I know her father, though I know not her;  
And he knew my deceased father well.  
I will not sleep, Hortensio, till I see her;  
And therefore let me be thus bold with you  
To give you over at this first encounter,  
Unless you will accompany me thither.

GRUMIO. I pray you, sir, let him go while the

humour lasts. O' my

word, and she knew him as well as I do, she would think scolding

would do little good upon him. She may perhaps call him half a

score knaves or so. Why, that's nothing; and he begin once, he'll

rail in his rope-tricks. I'll tell you what, sir: an she stand

him but a little, he will throw a figure in her face, and so

disfigure her with it that she shall have no more eyes to see

withal than a cat. You know him not, sir.

HORTENSIO. Tarry, Petruchio, I must go with thee,

For in Baptista's keep my treasure is.

He hath the jewel of my life in hold,

His youngest daughter, beautiful Bianca;

And her withholds from me, and other more,

Suitors to her and rivals in my love;

Supposing it a thing impossible-

For those defects I have before rehears'd-

That ever Katherine will be woo'd.

Therefore this order hath Baptista ta'en,

That none shall have access unto Bianca

Till Katherine the curst have got a husband.

GRUMIO. Katherine the curst!

A title for a maid of all titles the worst.

HORTENSIO. Now shall my friend Petruchio do me grace,

And offer me disguis'd in sober robes

To old Baptista as a schoolmaster

Well seen in music, to instruct Bianca;

That so I may by this device at least

Have leave and leisure to make love to her,

And unsuspected court her by herself.

Enter GREMIO with LUCENTIO disguised as CAMBIO

GRUMIO. Here's no knavery! See, to beguile the old folks, how the

young folks lay their heads together! Master, master, look about

you. Who goes there, ha?

HORTENSIO. Peace, Grumio! It is the rival of my

love. Petruchio,  
stand by awhile.

GRUMIO. A proper stripling, and an amorous!

[They

stand aside]

GREMIO. O, very well; I have perus'd the note.

Hark you, sir; I'll have them very fairly bound-

All books of love, see that at any hand;

And see you read no other lectures to her.

You understand me- over and beside

Signior Baptista's liberality,

I'll mend it with a largess. Take your paper too,

And let me have them very well perfum'd;

For she is sweeter than perfume itself

To whom they go to. What will you read to her?

LUCENTIO. Whate'er I read to her, I'll plead for you

As for my patron, stand you so assur'd,

As firmly as yourself were still in place;

Yea, and perhaps with more successful words

Than you, unless you were a scholar, sir.

GREMIO. O this learning, what a thing it is!

GRUMIO. O this woodcock, what an ass it is!

PETRUCHIO. Peace, sirrah!

HORTENSIO. Grumio, mum!

[Coming forward]

God save you, Signior Gremio!

GREMIO. And you are well met, Signior Hortensio.

Trow you whither I am going? To Baptista Minola.

I promis'd to enquire carefully

About a schoolmaster for the fair Bianca;

And by good fortune I have lighted well

On this young man; for learning and behaviour

Fit for her turn, well read in poetry

And other books- good ones, I warrant ye.

HORTENSIO. 'Tis well; and I have met a gentleman

Hath promis'd me to help me to another,

A fine musician to instruct our mistress;

So shall I no whit be behind in duty

To fair Bianca, so beloved of me.

GREMIO. Beloved of me- and that my deeds shall  
prove.

GRUMIO. And that his bags shall prove.

HORTENSIO. Gremio, 'tis now no time to vent our  
love.

Listen to me, and if you speak me fair

I'll tell you news indifferent good for either.  
Here is a gentleman whom by chance I met,  
Upon agreement from us to his liking,  
Will undertake to woo curst Katherine;  
Yea, and to marry her, if her dowry please.

GREMIO. So said, so done, is well.

Hortensio, have you told him all her faults?

PETRUCHIO. I know she is an irksome brawling scold;  
If that be all, masters, I hear no harm.

GREMIO. No, say'st me so, friend? What countryman?

PETRUCHIO. Born in Verona, old Antonio's son.

My father dead, my fortune lives for me;  
And I do hope good days and long to see.

GREMIO. O Sir, such a life with such a wife were  
strange!

But if you have a stomach, to't a God's name;  
You shall have me assisting you in all.

But will you woo this wild-cat?

PETRUCHIO. Will I live?

GRUMIO. Will he woo her? Ay, or I'll hang her.

PETRUCHIO. Why came I hither but to that intent?  
Think you a little din can daunt mine ears?  
Have I not in my time heard lions roar?  
Have I not heard the sea, puff'd up with winds,  
Rage like an angry boar chafed with sweat?  
Have I not heard great ordnance in the field,  
And heaven's artillery thunder in the skies?  
Have I not in a pitched battle heard  
Loud 'larums, neighing steeds, and trumpets'  
clang?

And do you tell me of a woman's tongue,  
That gives not half so great a blow to hear  
As will a chestnut in a fariner's fire?  
Tush! tush! fear boys with bugs.

GRUMIO. For he fears none.

GREMIO. Hortensio, hark:

This gentleman is happily arriv'd,  
My mind presumes, for his own good and ours.

HORTENSIO. I promis'd we would be contributors  
And bear his charge of wooing, whatsoe'er.

GREMIO. And so we will- provided that he win her.

GRUMIO. I would I were as sure of a good dinner.

Enter TRANIO, bravely apparelled as LUCENTIO, and  
BIONDELLO

TRANIO. Gentlemen, God save you! If I may be bold,  
Tell me, I beseech you, which is the readiest way  
To the house of Signior Baptista Minola?

BIONDELLO. He that has the two fair daughters; is't  
he you mean?

TRANIO. Even he, Biondello.

GREMIO. Hark you, sir, you mean not her to-

TRANIO. Perhaps him and her, sir; what have you to  
do?

PETRUCHIO. Not her that chides, sir, at any hand, I  
pray.

TRANIO. I love no chiders, sir. Biondello, let's  
away.

LUCENTIO. [Aside] Well begun, Tranio.

HORTENSIO. Sir, a word ere you go.

Are you a suitor to the maid you talk of, yea or  
no?

TRANIO. And if I be, sir, is it any offence?

GREMIO. No; if without more words you will get you  
hence.

TRANIO. Why, sir, I pray, are not the streets as  
free

For me as for you?

GREMIO. But so is not she.

TRANIO. For what reason, I beseech you?

GREMIO. For this reason, if you'll know,  
That she's the choice love of Signior Gremio.

HORTENSIO. That she's the chosen of Signior  
Hortensio.

TRANIO. Softly, my masters! If you be gentlemen,

Do me this right- hear me with patience.

Baptista is a noble gentleman,

To whom my father is not all unknown,

And, were his daughter fairer than she is,

She may more suitors have, and me for one.

Fair Leda's daughter had a thousand wooers;

Then well one more may fair Bianca have;

And so she shall: Lucentio shall make one,

Though Paris came in hope to speed alone.

GREMIO. What, this gentleman will out-talk us all!

LUCENTIO. Sir, give him head; I know he'll prove a  
jade.

PETRUCHIO. Hortensio, to what end are all these



words?

HORTENSIO. Sir, let me be so bold as ask you,  
Did you yet ever see Baptista's daughter?

TRANIO. No, sir, but hear I do that he hath two:  
The one as famous for a scolding tongue  
As is the other for beauteous modesty.

PETRUCHIO. Sir, sir, the first's for me; let her go  
by.

GREMIO. Yea, leave that labour to great Hercules,  
And let it be more than Alcides' twelve.

PETRUCHIO. Sir, understand you this of me, in sooth:  
The youngest daughter, whom you hearken for,  
Her father keeps from all access of suitors,  
And will not promise her to any man  
Until the elder sister first be wed.  
The younger then is free, and not before.

TRANIO. If it be so, sir, that you are the man  
Must stead us all, and me amongst the rest;  
And if you break the ice, and do this feat,  
Achieve the elder, set the younger free  
For our access- whose hap shall be to have her  
Will not so graceless be to be ingrate.

HORTENSIO. Sir, you say well, and well you do  
conceive;

And since you do profess to be a suitor,  
You must, as we do, gratify this gentleman,  
To whom we all rest generally beholding.

TRANIO. Sir, I shall not be slack; in sign whereof,  
Please ye we may contrive this afternoon,  
And quaff carouses to our mistress' health;  
And do as adversaries do in law-  
Strive mightily, but eat and drink as friends.

GRUMIO, BIONDELLO. O excellent motion! Fellows,  
let's be gone.

HORTENSIO. The motion's good indeed, and be it so.  
Petruchio, I shall be your ben  
venuto.

Exeunt

ACT II. SCENE I.

Padua. BAPTISTA'S house

Enter KATHERINA and BIANCA

BIANCA. Good sister, wrong me not, nor wrong  
yourself,  
To make a bondmaid and a slave of me-

That I disdain; but for these other gawds,  
Unbind my hands, I'll pull them off myself,  
Yea, all my raiment, to my petticoat;  
Or what you will command me will I do,  
So well I know my duty to my elders.

KATHERINA. Of all thy suitors here I charge thee  
tell

Whom thou lov'st best. See thou dissemble not.

BIANCA. Believe me, sister, of all the men alive  
I never yet beheld that special face

Which I could fancy more than any other.

KATHERINA. Minion, thou liest. Is't not Hortensio?

BIANCA. If you affect him, sister, here I swear  
I'll plead for you myself but you shall have him.

KATHERINA. O then, belike, you fancy riches more:  
You will have Gremio to keep you fair.

BIANCA. Is it for him you do envy me so?

Nay, then you jest; and now I well perceive  
You have but jested with me all this while.

I prithee, sister Kate, untie my hands.

KATHERINA. [Strikes her] If that be jest, then an  
the rest was so.

Enter BAPTISTA

BAPTISTA. Why, how now, dame! Whence grows this  
insolence?

Bianca, stand aside- poor girl! she weeps.

[He  
unbinds her]

Go ply thy needle; meddle not with her.  
For shame, thou hilding of a devilish spirit,  
Why dost thou wrong her that did ne'er wrong thee?  
When did she cross thee with a bitter word?

KATHERINA. Her silence flouts me, and I'll be  
reveng'd.

[Flies  
after BIANCA]

BAPTISTA. What, in my sight? Bianca, get thee in.

Exit

BIANCA

KATHERINA. What, will you not suffer me? Nay, now I  
see

She is your treasure, she must have a husband;  
I must dance bare-foot on her wedding-day,

And for your love to her lead apes in hell.  
Talk not to me; I will go sit and weep,  
Till I can find occasion of revenge.

Exit KATHERINA

BAPTISTA. Was ever gentleman thus griev'd as I?  
But who comes here?

Enter GREMIO, with LUCENTIO in the habit of a  
mean man;

PETRUCHIO, with HORTENSIO as a musician; and  
TRANIO,  
as LUCENTIO, with his boy, BIONDELLO, bearing a  
lute and books

GREMIO. Good morrow, neighbour Baptista.

BAPTISTA. Good morrow, neighbour Gremio.

God save you, gentlemen!

PETRUCHIO. And you, good sir! Pray, have you not a  
daughter

Call'd Katherina, fair and virtuous?

BAPTISTA. I have a daughter, sir, call'd Katherina.

GREMIO. You are too blunt; go to it orderly.

PETRUCHIO. You wrong me, Signior Gremio; give me  
leave.

I am a gentleman of Verona, sir,  
That, hearing of her beauty and her wit,  
Her affability and bashful modesty,  
Her wondrous qualities and mild behaviour,  
Am bold to show myself a forward guest  
Within your house, to make mine eye the witness  
Of that report which I so oft have heard.  
And, for an entrance to my entertainment,  
I do present you with a man of mine,

[Presenting

HORTENSIO]

Cunning in music and the mathematics,  
To instruct her fully in those sciences,  
Whereof I know she is not ignorant.  
Accept of him, or else you do me wrong-  
His name is Licio, born in Mantua.

BAPTISTA. Y'are welcome, sir, and he for your good  
sake;

But for my daughter Katherine, this I know,  
She is not for your turn, the more my grief.

PETRUCHIO. I see you do not mean to part with her;

Or else you like not of my company.

BAPTISTA. Mistake me not; I speak but as I find.

Whence are you, sir? What may I call your name?

PETRUCHIO. Petruchio is my name, Antonio's son,  
A man well known throughout all Italy.

BAPTISTA. I know him well; you are welcome for his sake.

GREMIO. Saving your tale, Petruchio, I pray,  
Let us that are poor petitioners speak too.  
Bacare! you are marvellous forward.

PETRUCHIO. O, pardon me, Signior Gremio! I would fain be doing.

GREMIO. I doubt it not, sir; but you will curse your wooing.

Neighbour, this is a gift very grateful, I am sure of it. To  
express the like kindness, myself, that have been more kindly  
beholding to you than any, freely give unto you this young  
scholar [Presenting LUCENTIO] that hath been long studying at  
Rheims; as cunning in Greek, Latin, and other languages, as the  
other in music and mathematics. His name is Cambio. Pray accept  
his service.

BAPTISTA. A thousand thanks, Signior Gremio. Welcome, good Cambio.

[To TRANIO] But, gentle sir, methinks you walk like a stranger.

May I be so bold to know the cause of your coming?

TRANIO. Pardon me, sir, the boldness is mine own  
That, being a stranger in this city here,  
Do make myself a suitor to your daughter,  
Unto Bianca, fair and virtuous.

Nor is your firm resolve unknown to me  
In the preferment of the eldest sister.

This liberty is all that I request-

That, upon knowledge of my parentage,  
I may have welcome 'mongst the rest that woo,  
And free access and favour as the rest.

And toward the education of your daughters

I here bestow a simple instrument,

And this small packet of Greek and Latin books.

If you accept them, then their worth is great.  
BAPTISTA. Lucentio is your name? Of whence, I pray?  
TRANIO. Of Pisa, sir; son to Vincentio.  
BAPTISTA. A mighty man of Pisa. By report  
I know him well. You are very welcome, sir.  
Take you the lute, and you the set of books;  
You shall go see your pupils presently.  
Holla, within!

Enter a SERVANT

Sirrah, lead these gentlemen  
To my daughters; and tell them both  
These are their tutors. Bid them use them well.

Exit SERVANT leading HORTENSIO  
carrying the lute  
and LUCENTIO  
with the books

We will go walk a little in the orchard,  
And then to dinner. You are passing welcome,  
And so I pray you all to think yourselves.  
PETRUCHIO. Signior Baptista, my business asketh  
haste,  
And every day I cannot come to woo.  
You knew my father well, and in him me,  
Left solely heir to all his lands and goods,  
Which I have bettered rather than decreas'd.  
Then tell me, if I get your daughter's love,  
What dowry shall I have with her to wife?  
BAPTISTA. After my death, the one half of my lands  
And, in possession, twenty thousand crowns.  
PETRUCHIO. And for that dowry, I'll assure her of  
Her widowhood, be it that she survive me,  
In all my lands and leases whatsoever.  
Let specialities be therefore drawn between us,  
That covenants may be kept on either hand.  
BAPTISTA. Ay, when the special thing is well  
obtain'd,  
That is, her love; for that is all in all.  
PETRUCHIO. Why, that is nothing; for I tell you,  
father,  
I am as peremptory as she proud-minded;  
And where two raging fires meet together,

They do consume the thing that feeds their fury.  
Though little fire grows great with little wind,  
Yet extreme gusts will blow out fire and all.  
So I to her, and so she yields to me;  
For I am rough, and woo not like a babe.

BAPTISTA. Well mayst thou woo, and happy be thy  
speed

But be thou arm'd for some unhappy words.

PETRUCHIO. Ay, to the proof, as mountains are for  
winds,

That shake not though they blow perpetually.

Re-enter HORTENSIO, with his head broke

BAPTISTA. How now, my friend! Why dost thou look so  
pale?

HORTENSIO. For fear, I promise you, if I look pale.

BAPTISTA. What, will my daughter prove a good  
musician?

HORTENSIO. I think she'll sooner prove a soldier:

Iron may hold with her, but never lutes.

BAPTISTA. Why, then thou canst not break her to the  
lute?

HORTENSIO. Why, no; for she hath broke the lute to  
me.

I did but tell her she mistook her frets,  
And bow'd her hand to teach her fingering,  
When, with a most impatient devilish spirit,  
'Frets, call you these?' quoth she 'I'll fume  
with them.'

And with that word she struck me on the head,  
And through the instrument my pate made way;  
And there I stood amazed for a while,  
As on a pillory, looking through the lute,  
While she did call me rascal fiddler  
And twangling Jack, with twenty such vile terms,  
As she had studied to misuse me so.

PETRUCHIO. Now, by the world, it is a lusty wench;  
I love her ten times more than e'er I did.

O, how I long to have some chat with her!

BAPTISTA. Well, go with me, and be not so  
discomfited;

Proceed in practice with my younger daughter;  
She's apt to learn, and thankful for good turns.  
Signior Petruchio, will you go with us,

Or shall I send my daughter Kate to you?  
PETRUCHIO. I pray you do. Exeunt all  
but PETRUCHIO  
I'll attend her here,  
And woo her with some spirit when she comes.  
Say that she rail; why, then I'll tell her plain  
She sings as sweetly as a nightingale.  
Say that she frown; I'll say she looks as clear  
As morning roses newly wash'd with dew.  
Say she be mute, and will not speak a word;  
Then I'll commend her volubility,  
And say she uttereth piercing eloquence.  
If she do bid me pack, I'll give her thanks,  
As though she bid me stay by her a week;  
If she deny to wed, I'll crave the day  
When I shall ask the banns, and when be married.  
But here she comes; :Lnd.now, Petruchio, speak.

Enter KATHERINA

Good morrow, Kate- for that's your name, I hear.  
KATHERINA. Well have you heard, but something hard  
of hearing:

They call me Katherine that do talk of me.

PETRUCHIO. You lie, in faith, for you are call'd  
plain Kate,

And bonny Kate, and sometimes Kate the curst;  
But, Kate, the prettiest Kate in Christendom,  
Kate of Kate Hall, my super-dainty Kate,  
For dainties are all Kates, and therefore, Kate,  
Take this of me, Kate of my consolation-  
Hearing thy mildness prais'd in every town,  
Thy virtues spoke of, and thy beauty sounded,  
Yet not so deeply as to thee belongs,  
Myself am mov'd to woo thee for my wife.

KATHERINA. Mov'd! in good time! Let him that mov'd  
you hither

Remove you hence. I knew you at the first  
You were a moveable.

PETRUCHIO. Why, what's a moveable?

KATHERINA. A join'd-stool.

PETRUCHIO. Thou hast hit it. Come, sit on me.

KATHERINA. Asses are made to bear, and so are you.

PETRUCHIO. Women are made to bear, and so are you.

KATHERINA. No such jade as you, if me you mean.

PETRUCHIO. Alas, good Kate, I will not burden thee!

For, knowing thee to be but young and light-

KATHERINA. Too light for such a swain as you to catch;

And yet as heavy as my weight should be.

PETRUCHIO. Should be! should- buzz!

KATHERINA. Well ta'en, and like a buzzard.

PETRUCHIO. O, slow-wing'd turtle, shall a buzzard take thee?

KATHERINA. Ay, for a turtle, as he takes a buzzard.

PETRUCHIO. Come, come, you wasp; i' faith, you are too angry.

KATHERINA. If I be waspish, best beware my sting.

PETRUCHIO. My remedy is then to pluck it out.

KATHERINA. Ay, if the fool could find it where it lies.

PETRUCHIO. Who knows not where a wasp does wear his sting?

In his tail.

KATHERINA. In his tongue.

PETRUCHIO. Whose tongue?

KATHERINA. Yours, if you talk of tales; and so farewell.

PETRUCHIO. What, with my tongue in your tail? Nay, come again,

Good Kate; I am a gentleman.

KATHERINA. That I'll try. [She strikes him]

PETRUCHIO. I swear I'll cuff you, if you strike again.

KATHERINA. So may you lose your arms.

If you strike me, you are no gentleman;

And if no gentleman, why then no arms.

PETRUCHIO. A herald, Kate? O, put me in thy books!

KATHERINA. What is your crest- a coxcomb?

PETRUCHIO. A combless cock, so Kate will be my hen.

KATHERINA. No cock of mine: you crow too like a craven.

PETRUCHIO. Nay, come, Kate, come; you must not look so sour.

KATHERINA. It is my fashion, when I see a crab.

PETRUCHIO. Why, here's no crab; and therefore look not sour.

KATHERINA. There is, there is.

PETRUCHIO. Then show it me.



KATHERINA. Had I a glass I would.

PETRUCHIO. What, you mean my face?

KATHERINA. Well aim'd of such a young one.

PETRUCHIO. Now, by Saint George, I am too young for you.

KATHERINA. Yet you are wither'd.

PETRUCHIO. 'Tis with cares.

KATHERINA. I care not.

PETRUCHIO. Nay, hear you, Kate- in sooth, you scape not so.

KATHERINA. I chafe you, if I tarry; let me go.

PETRUCHIO. No, not a whit; I find you passing gentle.

'Twas told me you were rough, and coy, and sullen,  
And now I find report a very liar;

For thou art pleasant, gamesome, passing  
courteous,

But slow in speech, yet sweet as springtime  
flowers.

Thou canst not frown, thou canst not look askance,  
Nor bite the lip, as angry wenches will,  
Nor hast thou pleasure to be cross in talk;  
But thou with mildness entertain'st thy wooers;  
With gentle conference, soft and affable.

Why does the world report that Kate doth limp?  
O sland'rous world! Kate like the hazel-twigg  
Is straight and slender, and as brown in hue  
As hazel-nuts, and sweeter than the kernels.  
O, let me see thee walk. Thou dost not halt.

KATHERINA. Go, fool, and whom thou keep'st command.

PETRUCHIO. Did ever Dian so become a grove

As Kate this chamber with her princely gait?

O, be thou Dian, and let her be Kate;

And then let Kate be chaste, and Dian sportful!

KATHERINA. Where did you study all this goodly  
speech?

PETRUCHIO. It is extempore, from my mother wit.

KATHERINA. A witty mother! witless else her son.

PETRUCHIO. Am I not wise?

KATHERINA. Yes, keep you warm.

PETRUCHIO. Marry, so I mean, sweet Katherine, in  
thy bed.

And therefore, setting all this chat aside,  
Thus in plain terms: your father hath consented  
That you shall be my wife your dowry greed on;

And will you, nill you, I will marry you.  
Now, Kate, I am a husband for your turn;  
For, by this light, whereby I see thy beauty,  
Thy beauty that doth make me like thee well,  
Thou must be married to no man but me;  
For I am he am born to tame you, Kate,  
And bring you from a wild Kate to a Kate  
Conformable as other household Kates.

Re-enter BAPTISTA, GREMIO, and TRANIO

Here comes your father. Never make denial;  
I must and will have Katherine to my wife.

BAPTISTA. Now, Signior Petruchio, how speed you  
with my daughter?

PETRUCHIO. How but well, sir? how but well?

It were impossible I should speed amiss.

BAPTISTA. Why, how now, daughter Katherine, in your  
dumps?

KATHERINA. Call you me daughter? Now I promise you  
You have show'd a tender fatherly regard  
To wish me wed to one half lunatic,  
A mad-cap ruffian and a swearing Jack,  
That thinks with oaths to face the matter out.

PETRUCHIO. Father, 'tis thus: yourself and all the  
world

That talk'd of her have talk'd amiss of her.  
If she be curst, it is for policy,  
For, she's not froward, but modest as the dove;  
She is not hot, but temperate as the morn;  
For patience she will prove a second Grissel,  
And Roman Lucrece for her chastity.  
And, to conclude, we have 'greed so well together  
That upon Sunday is the wedding-day.

KATHERINA. I'll see thee hang'd on Sunday first.

GREMIO. Hark, Petruchio; she says she'll see thee  
hang'd first.

TRANIO. Is this your speeding? Nay, then good-night  
our part!

PETRUCHIO. Be patient, gentlemen. I choose her for  
myself;

If she and I be pleas'd, what's that to you?  
'Tis bargain'd 'twixt us twain, being alone,  
That she shall still be curst in company.  
I tell you 'tis incredible to believe.

How much she loves me- O, the kindest Kate!  
She hung about my neck, and kiss on kiss  
She vied so fast, protesting oath on oath,  
That in a twink she won me to her love.  
O, you are novices! 'Tis a world to see,  
How tame, when men and women are alone,  
A meacock wretch can make the curstest shrew.  
Give me thy hand, Kate; I will unto Venice,  
To buy apparel 'gainst the wedding-day.  
Provide the feast, father, and bid the guests;  
I will be sure my Katherine shall be fine.

BAPTISTA. I know not what to say; but give me your hands.

God send you joy, Petruchio! 'Tis a match.  
GREMIO, TRANIO. Amen, say we; we will be witnesses.  
PETRUCHIO. Father, and wife, and gentlemen, adieu.  
I will to Venice; Sunday comes apace;  
We will have rings and things, and fine array;  
And kiss me, Kate; we will be married a Sunday.  
Exeunt PETRUCHIO and

KATHERINA severally

GREMIO. Was ever match clapp'd up so suddenly?

BAPTISTA. Faith, gentlemen, now I play a merchant's part,

And venture madly on a desperate mart.

TRANIO. 'Twas a commodity lay fretting by you;

'Twill bring you gain, or perish on the seas.

BAPTISTA. The gain I seek is quiet in the match.

GREMIO. No doubt but he hath got a quiet catch.

But now, Baptista, to your younger daughter:

Now is the day we long have looked for;

I am your neighbour, and was suitor first.

TRANIO. And I am one that love Bianca more

Than words can witness or your thoughts can guess.

GREMIO. Youngling, thou canst not love so dear as I.

TRANIO. Greybeard, thy love doth freeze.

GREMIO. But thine doth fry.

Skipper, stand back; 'tis age that nourisheth.

TRANIO. But youth in ladies' eyes that flourisheth.

BAPTISTA. Content you, gentlemen; I will compound this strife.

'Tis deeds must win the prize, and he of both  
That can assure my daughter greatest dower  
Shall have my Bianca's love.

Say, Signior Gremio, what can you assure her?

GREMIO. First, as you know, my house within the city  
Is richly furnished with plate and gold,  
Basins and ewers to lave her dainty hands;  
My hangings all of Tyrian tapestry;  
In ivory coffers I have stuff'd my crowns;  
In cypress chests my arras counterpoints,  
Costly apparel, tents, and canopies,  
Fine linen, Turkey cushions boss'd with pearl,  
Valance of Venice gold in needle-work;  
Pewter and brass, and all things that belongs  
To house or housekeeping. Then at my farm  
I have a hundred milch-kine to the pail,  
Six score fat oxen standing in my stalls,  
And all things answerable to this portion.  
Myself am struck in years, I must confess;  
And if I die to-morrow this is hers,  
If whilst I live she will be only mine.

TRANIO. That 'only' came well in. Sir, list to me:  
I am my father's heir and only son;  
If I may have your daughter to my wife,  
I'll leave her houses three or four as good  
Within rich Pisa's walls as any one  
Old Signior Gremio has in Padua;  
Besides two thousand ducats by the year  
Of fruitful land, all which shall be her jointure.  
What, have I pinch'd you, Signior Gremio?

GREMIO. Two thousand ducats by the year of land!  
[Aside] My land amounts not to so much in all.-  
That she shall have, besides an argosy  
That now is lying in Marseilles road.  
What, have I chok'd you with an argosy?

TRANIO. Gremio, 'tis known my father hath no less  
Than three great argosies, besides two galliasses,  
And twelve tight galleys. These I will assure her,  
And twice as much whate'er thou off'rest next.

GREMIO. Nay, I have off'red all; I have no more;  
And she can have no more than all I have;  
If you like me, she shall have me and mine.

TRANIO. Why, then the maid is mine from all the  
world

By your firm promise; Gremio is out-vied.

BAPTISTA. I must confess your offer is the best;  
And let your father make her the assurance,  
She is your own. Else, you must pardon me;  
If you should die before him, where's her dower?

TRANIO. That's but a cavil; he is old, I young.  
GREMIO. And may not young men die as well as old?  
BAPTISTA. Well, gentlemen,  
I am thus resolv'd: on Sunday next you know  
My daughter Katherine is to be married;  
Now, on the Sunday following shall Bianca  
Be bride to you, if you make this assurance;  
If not, to Signior Gremio.  
And so I take my leave, and thank you both.  
GREMIO. Adieu, good neighbour.

Exit BAPTISTA

Now, I fear thee not.  
Sirrah young gamester, your father were a fool  
To give thee all, and in his waning age  
Set foot under thy table. Tut, a toy!  
An old Italian fox is not so kind, my  
boy. Exit

TRANIO. A vengeance on your crafty withered hide!  
Yet I have fac'd it with a card of ten.  
'Tis in my head to do my master good:  
I see no reason but suppos'd Lucentio  
Must get a father, call'd suppos'd Vincentio;  
And that's a wonder- fathers commonly  
Do get their children; but in this case of wooing  
A child shall get a sire, if I fail not of my  
cunning.

Exit

ACT III. SCENE I.  
Padua. BAPTISTA'S house

Enter LUCENTIO as CAMBIO, HORTENSIO as LICIO, and  
BIANCA

LUCENTIO. Fiddler, forbear; you grow too forward,  
sir.

Have you so soon forgot the entertainment  
Her sister Katherine welcome'd you withal?

HORTENSIO. But, wrangling pedant, this is  
The patroness of heavenly harmony.  
Then give me leave to have prerogative;  
And when in music we have spent an hour,  
Your lecture shall have leisure for as much.

LUCENTIO. Preposterous ass, that never read so far  
To know the cause why music was ordain'd!  
Was it not to refresh the mind of man

After his studies or his usual pain?  
Then give me leave to read philosophy,  
And while I pause serve in your harmony.

HORTENSIO. Sirrah, I will not bear these braves of  
thine.

BIANCA. Why, gentlemen, you do me double wrong  
To strive for that which resteth in my choice.  
I am no breeching scholar in the schools,  
I'll not be tied to hours nor 'pointed times,  
But learn my lessons as I please myself.  
And to cut off all strife: here sit we down;  
Take you your instrument, play you the whiles!  
His lecture will be done ere you have tun'd.

HORTENSIO. You'll leave his lecture when I am in  
tune?

LUCENTIO. That will be never- tune your instrument.

BIANCA. Where left we last?

LUCENTIO. Here, madam:

'Hic ibat Simois, hic est Sigeia tellus,  
Hic steterat Priami regia celsa senis.'

BIANCA. Construe them.

LUCENTIO. 'Hic ibat' as I told you before- 'Simois'  
I am Lucentio-

'hic est' son unto Vincentio of Pisa- 'Sigeia  
tellus' disguised

thus to get your love- 'Hic steterat' and that  
Lucentio that

comes a-wooing- 'Priami' is my man Tranio-  
'regia' bearing my

port- 'celsa senis' that we might beguile the old  
pantaloon.

HORTENSIO. Madam, my instrument's in tune.

BIANCA. Let's hear. O fie! the treble jars.

LUCENTIO. Spit in the hole, man, and tune again.

BIANCA. Now let me see if I can construe it: 'Hic  
ibat Simois' I

know you not- 'hic est Sigeia tellus' I trust you  
not- 'Hic

steterat Priami' take heed he hear us not-  
'regia' presume not-

'celsa senis' despair not.

HORTENSIO. Madam, 'tis now in tune.

LUCENTIO. All but the bass.

HORTENSIO. The bass is right; 'tis the base knave  
that jars.

[Aside] How fiery and forward our pedant is!  
Now, for my life, the knave doth court my love.  
Pedasculè, I'll watch you better yet.  
BIANCA. In time I may believe, yet I mistrust.  
LUCENTIO. Mistrust it not- for sure, AEacides  
Was Ajax, call'd so from his grandfather.  
BIANCA. I must believe my master; else, I promise  
you,  
I should be arguing still upon that doubt;  
But let it rest. Now, Licio, to you.  
Good master, take it not unkindly, pray,  
That I have been thus pleasant with you both.  
HORTENSIO. [To LUCENTIO] You may go walk and give  
me leave  
awhile;  
My lessons make no music in three Parts.  
LUCENTIO. Are you so formal, sir? Well, I must wait,  
[Aside] And watch withal; for, but I be deceiv'd,  
Our fine musician groweth amorous.  
HORTENSIO. Madam, before you touch the instrument  
To learn the order of my fingering,  
I must begin with rudiments of art,  
To teach you gamut in a briefer sort,  
More pleasant, pithy, and effectual,  
Than hath been taught by any of my trade;  
And there it is in writing fairly drawn.  
BIANCA. Why, I am past my gamut long ago.  
HORTENSIO. Yet read the gamut of Hortensio.  
BIANCA. [Reads]  
"Gamut" I am, the ground of all accord-  
"A re" to plead Hortensio's passion-  
"B mi" Bianca, take him for thy lord-  
"C fa ut" that loves with all affection-  
"D sol re" one clef, two notes have I-  
"E la mi" show pity or I die.'  
Call you this gamut? Tut, I like it not!  
Old fashions please me best; I am not so nice  
To change true rules for odd inventions.

Enter a SERVANT

SERVANT. Mistress, your father prays you leave your  
books  
And help to dress your sister's chamber up.  
You know to-morrow is the wedding-day.

BIANCA. Farewell, sweet masters, both; I must be gone.

Exeunt BIANCA

and SERVANT

LUCENTIO. Faith, mistress, then I have no cause to stay.

Exit

HORTENSIO. But I have cause to pry into this pedant;  
Methinks he looks as though he were in love.  
Yet if thy thoughts, Bianca, be so humble  
To cast thy wand'ring eyes on every stale-  
Seize thee that list. If once I find thee ranging,  
HORTENSIO will be quit with thee by  
changing. Exit

SCENE II.

Padua. Before BAPTISTA'S house

Enter BAPTISTA, GREMIO, TRANIO as LUCENTIO,  
KATHERINA, BIANCA,  
LUCENTIO as CAMBIO, and ATTENDANTS

BAPTISTA. [To TRANIO] Signior Lucentio, this is  
the 'pointed day

That Katherine and Petruchio should be married,  
And yet we hear not of our son-in-law.  
What will be said? What mockery will it be  
To want the bridegroom when the priest attends  
To speak the ceremonial rites of marriage!  
What says Lucentio to this shame of ours?

KATHERINA. No shame but mine; I must, forsooth, be  
forc'd

To give my hand, oppos'd against my heart,  
Unto a mad-brain rudesby, full of spleen,  
Who woo'd in haste and means to wed at leisure.  
I told you, I, he was a frantic fool,  
Hiding his bitter jests in blunt behaviour;  
And, to be noted for a merry man,  
He'll woo a thousand, 'point the day of marriage,  
Make friends invited, and proclaim the banns;  
Yet never means to wed where he hath woo'd.  
Now must the world point at poor Katherine,  
And say 'Lo, there is mad Petruchio's wife,  
If it would please him come and marry her!'

TRANIO. Patience, good Katherine, and Baptista too.  
Upon my life, Petruchio means but well,



Whatever fortune stays him from his word.  
Though he be blunt, I know him passing wise;  
Though he be merry, yet withal he's honest.

KATHERINA. Would Katherine had never seen him  
though!

Exit, weeping, followed by BIANCA  
and others

BAPTISTA. Go, girl, I cannot blame thee now to weep,  
For such an injury would vex a very saint;  
Much more a shrew of thy impatient humour.

Enter BIONDELLO

Master, master! News, and such old news as you  
never heard of!

BAPTISTA. Is it new and old too? How may that be?

BIONDELLO. Why, is it not news to hear of  
Petruchio's coming?

BAPTISTA. Is he come?

BIONDELLO. Why, no, sir.

BAPTISTA. What then?

BIONDELLO. He is coming.

BAPTISTA. When will he be here?

BIONDELLO. When he stands where I am and sees you  
there.

TRANIO. But, say, what to thine old news?

BIONDELLO. Why, Petruchio is coming- in a new hat  
and an old

jerkin; a pair of old breeches thrice turn'd; a  
pair of boots

that have been candle-cases, one buckled, another  
lac'd; an old

rusty sword ta'en out of the town armoury, with a  
broken hilt,

and chapeless; with two broken points; his horse  
hipp'd, with an

old motley saddle and stirrups of no kindred;  
besides, possess'd

with the glanders and like to mose in the chine,  
troubled with

the lampass, infected with the fashions, full of  
windgalls, sped

with spavins, rayed with the yellows, past cure  
of the fives,

stark spoil'd with the staggers, begnawn with the

bots, sway'd in  
the back and shoulder-shotten, near-legg'd  
before, and with a  
half-cheek'd bit, and a head-stall of sheep's  
leather which,  
being restrained to keep him from stumbling, hath  
been often  
burst, and now repaired with knots; one girth six  
times piec'd,  
and a woman's crupper of velure, which hath two  
letters for her  
name fairly set down in studs, and here and there  
piec'd with  
pack-thread.

BAPTISTA. Who comes with him?

BIONDELLO. O, sir, his lackey, for all the world  
caparison'd like

the horse- with a linen stock on one leg and a  
kersey boot-hose

on the other, gart'ed with a red and blue list;  
an old hat, and

the humour of forty fancies prick'd in't for a  
feather; a

monster, a very monster in apparel, and not like  
a Christian

footboy or a gentleman's lackey.

TRANIO. 'Tis some odd humour pricks him to this  
fashion;

Yet oftentimes lie goes but mean-apparell'd.

BAPTISTA. I am glad he's come, howsoe'er he comes.

BIONDELLO. Why, sir, he comes not.

BAPTISTA. Didst thou not say he comes?

BIONDELLO. Who? that Petruchio came?

BAPTISTA. Ay, that Petruchio came.

BIONDELLO. No, sir; I say his horse comes with him  
on his back.

BAPTISTA. Why, that's all one.

BIONDELLO. Nay, by Saint Jamy,  
I hold you a penny,  
A horse and a man  
Is more than one,  
And yet not many.

Enter PETRUCHIO and GRUMIO

PETRUCHIO. Come, where be these gallants? Who's at home?

BAPTISTA. You are welcome, sir.

PETRUCHIO. And yet I come not well.

BAPTISTA. And yet you halt not.

TRANIO. Not so well apparell'd

As I wish you were.

PETRUCHIO. Were it better, I should rush in thus.

But where is Kate? Where is my lovely bride?

How does my father? Gentles, methinks you frown;

And wherefore gaze this goodly company

As if they saw some wondrous monument,

Some comet or unusual prodigy?

BAPTISTA. Why, sir, you know this is your wedding-day.

First were we sad, fearing you would not come;

Now sadder, that you come so unprovided.

Fie, doff this habit, shame to your estate,

An eye-sore to our solemn festival!

TRANIO. And tell us what occasion of import

Hath all so long detain'd you from your wife,

And sent you hither so unlike yourself?

PETRUCHIO. Tedious it were to tell, and harsh to hear;

Sufficeth I am come to keep my word,

Though in some part enforced to digress,

Which at more leisure I will so excuse

As you shall well be satisfied withal.

But where is Kate? I stay too long from her;

The morning wears, 'tis time we were at church.

TRANIO. See not your bride in these unreverent robes;

Go to my chamber, put on clothes of mine.

PETRUCHIO. Not I, believe me; thus I'll visit her.

BAPTISTA. But thus, I trust, you will not marry her.

PETRUCHIO. Good sooth, even thus; therefore ha' done with words;

To me she's married, not unto my clothes.

Could I repair what she will wear in me

As I can change these poor accoutrements,

'Twere well for Kate and better for myself.

But what a fool am I to chat with you,

When I should bid good-morrow to my bride

And seal the title with a lovely kiss!

Exeunt PETRUCHIO

and PETRUCHIO

TRANIO. He hath some meaning in his mad attire.

We will persuade him, be it possible,

To put on better ere he go to church.

BAPTISTA. I'll after him and see the event of this.

Exeunt BAPTISTA, GREMIO, BIONDELLO, and

ATTENDENTS

TRANIO. But to her love concerneth us to ad

Her father's liking; which to bring to pass,

As I before imparted to your worship,

I am to get a man- whate'er he be

It skills not much; we'll fit him to our turn-

And he shall be Vincentio of Pisa,

And make assurance here in Padua

Of greater sums than I have promised.

So shall you quietly enjoy your hope

And marry sweet Bianca with consent.

LUCENTIO. Were it not that my fellow schoolmaster

Doth watch Bianca's steps so narrowly,

'Twere good, methinks, to steal our marriage;

Which once perform'd, let all the world say no,

I'll keep mine own despite of all the world.

TRANIO. That by degrees we mean to look into

And watch our vantage in this business;

We'll over-reach the greybeard, Gremio,

The narrow-prying father, Minola,

The quaint musician, amorous Licio-

All for my master's sake, Lucentio.

Re-enter GREMIO

Signior Gremio, came you from the church?

GREMIO. As willingly as e'er I came from school.

TRANIO. And is the bride and bridegroom coming home?

GREMIO. A bridegroom, say you? 'Tis a groom indeed,

A grumbling groom, and that the girl shall find.

TRANIO. Curster than she? Why, 'tis impossible.

GREMIO. Why, he's a devil, a devil, a very fiend.

TRANIO. Why, she's a devil, a devil, the devil's dam.

GREMIO. Tut, she's a lamb, a dove, a fool, to him!

I'll tell you, Sir Lucentio: when the priest

Should ask if Katherine should be his wife,

'Ay, by gogs-wouns' quoth he, and swore so loud

That, all amaz'd, the priest let fall the book;

And as he stoop'd again to take it up,  
This mad-brain'd bridegroom took him such a cuff  
That down fell priest and book, and book and  
priest.

'Now take them up,' quoth he 'if any list.'

TRANIO. What said the wench, when he rose again?

GREMIO. Trembled and shook, for why he stamp'd and  
swore

As if the vicar meant to cozen him.

But after many ceremonies done

He calls for wine: 'A health!' quoth he, as if

He had been abroad, carousing to his mates

After a storm; quaff'd off the muscadel,

And threw the sops all in the sexton's face,

Having no other reason

But that his beard grew thin and hungerly

And seem'd to ask him sops as he was drinking.

This done, he took the bride about the neck,

And kiss'd her lips with such a clamorous smack

That at the parting all the church did echo.

And I, seeing this, came thence for very shame;

And after me, I know, the rout is coming.

Such a mad marriage never was before.

Hark, hark! I hear the minstrels play.

[Music plays]

Enter PETRUCHIO, KATHERINA, BIANCA, BAPTISTA,  
HORTENSIO,

GRUMIO, and train

PETRUCHIO. Gentlemen and friends, I thank you for  
your pains.

I know you think to dine with me to-day,

And have prepar'd great store of wedding cheer

But so it is- my haste doth call me hence,

And therefore here I mean to take my leave.

BAPTISTA. Is't possible you will away to-night?

PETRUCHIO. I must away to-day before night come.

Make it no wonder; if you knew my business,

You would entreat me rather go than stay.

And, honest company, I thank you all

That have beheld me give away myself

To this most patient, sweet, and virtuous wife.

Dine with my father, drink a health to me.

For I must hence; and farewell to you all.

TRANIO. Let us entreat you stay till after dinner.

PETRUCHIO. It may not be.

GREMIO. Let me entreat you.

PETRUCHIO. It cannot be.

KATHERINA. Let me entreat you.

PETRUCHIO. I am content.

KATHERINA. Are you content to stay?

PETRUCHIO. I am content you shall entreat me stay;

But yet not stay, entreat me how you can.

KATHERINA. Now, if you love me, stay.

PETRUCHIO. Grumio, my horse.

GRUMIO. Ay, sir, they be ready; the oats have eaten the horses.

KATHERINA. Nay, then,

Do what thou canst, I will not go to-day;

No, nor to-morrow, not till I please myself.

The door is open, sir; there lies your way;

You may be jogging whiles your boots are green;

For me, I'll not be gone till I please myself.

'Tis like you'll prove a jolly surly groom

That take it on you at the first so roundly.

PETRUCHIO. O Kate, content thee; prithee be not angry.

KATHERINA. I will be angry; what hast thou to do?

Father, be quiet; he shall stay my leisure.

GREMIO. Ay, marry, sir, now it begins to work.

KATHERINA. Gentlemen, forward to the bridal dinner.

I see a woman may be made a fool

If she had not a spirit to resist.

PETRUCHIO. They shall go forward, Kate, at thy command.

Obey the bride, you that attend on her;

Go to the feast, revel and domineer,

Carouse full measure to her maidenhead;

Be mad and merry, or go hang yourselves.

But for my bonny Kate, she must with me.

Nay, look not big, nor stamp, nor stare, nor fret;

I will be master of what is mine own-

She is my goods, my chattels, she is my house,

My household stuff, my field, my barn,

My horse, my ox, my ass, my any thing,

And here she stands; touch her whoever dare;

I'll bring mine action on the proudest he

That stops my way in Padua. Grumio,

Draw forth thy weapon; we are beset with thieves;

Rescue thy mistress, if thou be a man.

Fear not, sweet wench; they shall not touch thee,  
Kate;

I'll buckler thee against a million.

Exeunt PETRUCHIO, KATHERINA,  
and GRUMIO

BAPTISTA. Nay, let them go, a couple of quiet ones.

GREMIO. Went they not quickly, I should die with  
laughing.

TRANIO. Of all mad matches, never was the like.

LUCENTIO. Mistress, what's your opinion of your  
sister?

BIANCA. That, being mad herself, she's madly mated.

GREMIO. I warrant him, Petruchio is Kated.

BAPTISTA. Neighbours and friends, though bride and  
bridegroom wants

For to supply the places at the table,

You know there wants no junkets at the feast.

Lucentio, you shall supply the bridegroom's place;

And let Bianca take her sister's room.

TRANIO. Shall sweet Bianca practise how to bride it?

BAPTISTA. She shall, Lucentio. Come, gentlemen,  
let's go.

Exeunt

#### ACT IV. SCENE I.

PETRUCHIO'S country house

Enter GRUMIO

GRUMIO. Fie, fie on all tired jades, on all mad  
masters, and all

foul ways! Was ever man so beaten? Was ever man  
so ray'd? Was

ever man so weary? I am sent before to make a  
fire, and they are

coming after to warm them. Now were not I a  
little pot and soon

hot, my very lips might freeze to my teeth, my  
tongue to the roof

of my mouth, my heart in my belly, ere I should  
come by a fire to

thaw me. But I with blowing the fire shall warm  
myself; for,

considering the weather, a taller man than I will  
take cold.

Holla, ho! Curtis!

Enter CURTIS

CURTIS. Who is that calls so coldly?

GRUMIO. A piece of ice. If thou doubt it, thou  
mayst slide from my  
shoulder to my heel with no greater a run but my  
head and my  
neck. A fire, good Curtis.

CURTIS. Is my master and his wife coming, Grumio?

GRUMIO. O, ay, Curtis, ay; and therefore fire,  
fire; cast on no  
water.

CURTIS. Is she so hot a shrew as she's reported?

GRUMIO. She was, good Curtis, before this frost;  
but thou know'st  
winter tames man, woman, and beast; for it hath  
tam'd my old  
master, and my new mistress, and myself, fellow  
Curtis.

CURTIS. Away, you three-inch fool! I am no beast.

GRUMIO. Am I but three inches? Why, thy horn is a  
foot, and so long  
am I at the least. But wilt thou make a fire, or  
shall I complain  
on thee to our mistress, whose hand- she being  
now at hand- thou  
shalt soon feel, to thy cold comfort, for being  
slow in thy hot  
office?

CURTIS. I prithee, good Grumio, tell me how goes  
the world?

GRUMIO. A cold world, Curtis, in every office but  
thine; and

therefore fire. Do thy duty, and have thy duty,  
for my master and  
mistress are almost frozen to death.

CURTIS. There's fire ready; and therefore, good  
Grumio, the news?

GRUMIO. Why, 'Jack boy! ho, boy!' and as much news  
as thou wilt.

CURTIS. Come, you are so full of cony-catching!

GRUMIO. Why, therefore, fire; for I have caught  
extreme cold.



Where's the cook? Is supper ready, the house  
trimm'd, rushes  
strew'd, cobwebs swept, the serving-men in their  
new fustian,  
their white stockings, and every officer his  
wedding-garment on?  
Be the jacks fair within, the jills fair without,  
the carpets  
laid, and everything in order?  
CURTIS. All ready; and therefore, I pray thee, news.  
GRUMIO. First know my horse is tired; my master and  
mistress fall'n  
out.  
CURTIS. How?  
GRUMIO. Out of their saddles into the dirt; and  
thereby hangs a  
tale.  
CURTIS. Let's ha't, good Grumio.  
GRUMIO. Lend thine ear.  
CURTIS. Here.  
GRUMIO. There.  
[Striking him]  
CURTIS. This 'tis to feel a tale, not to hear a  
tale.  
GRUMIO. And therefore 'tis call'd a sensible tale;  
and this cuff  
was but to knock at your car and beseech  
list'ning. Now I begin:  
Imprimis, we came down a foul hill, my master  
riding behind my  
mistress-  
CURTIS. Both of one horse?  
GRUMIO. What's that to thee?  
CURTIS. Why, a horse.  
GRUMIO. Tell thou the tale. But hadst thou not  
cross'd me, thou  
shouldst have heard how her horse fell and she  
under her horse;  
thou shouldst have heard in how miry a place, how  
she was  
bemoil'd, how he left her with the horse upon  
her, how he beat me  
because her horse stumbled, how she waded through  
the dirt to  
pluck him off me, how he swore, how she pray'd

that never pray'd

before, how I cried, how the horses ran away, how  
her bridle was

burst, how I lost my crupper- with many things of  
worthy memory,

which now shall die in oblivion, and thou return  
unexperienc'd to

thy grave.

CURTIS. By this reck'ning he is more shrew than she.

GRUMIO. Ay, and that thou and the proudest of you  
all shall find

when he comes home. But what talk I of this? Call  
forth

Nathaniel, Joseph, Nicholas, Philip, Walter,  
Sugarsop, and the

rest; let their heads be sleekly comb'd, their  
blue coats brush'd

and their garters of an indifferent knit; let  
them curtsy with

their left legs, and not presume to touch a hair  
of my master's

horse-tail till they kiss their hands. Are they  
all ready?

CURTIS. They are.

GRUMIO. Call them forth.

CURTIS. Do you hear, ho? You must meet my master,  
to countenance my

mistress.

GRUMIO. Why, she hath a face of her own.

CURTIS. Who knows not that?

GRUMIO. Thou, it seems, that calls for company to  
countenance her.

CURTIS. I call them forth to credit her.

GRUMIO. Why, she comes to borrow nothing of them.

Enter four or five SERVINGMEN

NATHANIEL. Welcome home, Grumio!

PHILIP. How now, Grumio!

JOSEPH. What, Grumio!

NICHOLAS. Fellow Grumio!

NATHANIEL. How now, old lad!

GRUMIO. Welcome, you!- how now, you!- what, you!-  
fellow, you!- and

thus much for greeting. Now, my spruce

companions, is all ready,  
and all things neat?

NATHANIEL. All things is ready. How near is our master?

GRUMIO. E'en at hand, alighted by this; and therefore be not-

Cock's passion, silence! I hear my master.

Enter PETRUCHIO and KATHERINA

PETRUCHIO. Where be these knaves? What, no man at door

To hold my stirrup nor to take my horse!

Where is Nathaniel, Gregory, Philip?

ALL SERVANTS. Here, here, sir; here, sir.

PETRUCHIO. Here, sir! here, sir! here, sir! here, sir!

You logger-headed and unpolish'd grooms!

What, no attendance? no regard? no duty?

Where is the foolish knave I sent before?

GRUMIO. Here, sir; as foolish as I was before.

PETRUCHIO. YOU peasant swain! you whoreson malt-horse drudge!

Did I not bid thee meet me in the park

And bring along these rascal knaves with thee?

GRUMIO. Nathaniel's coat, sir, was not fully made,

And Gabriel's pumps were all unpink'd i' th' heel;

There was no link to colour Peter's hat,

And Walter's dagger was not come from sheathing;

There were none fine but Adam, Ralph, and Gregory;

The rest were ragged, old, and beggarly;

Yet, as they are, here are they come to meet you.

PETRUCHIO. Go, rascals, go and fetch my supper in.

Exeunt some of the

SERVINGMEN

[Sings] Where is the life that late I led?  
Where are those-

Sit down, Kate, and welcome. Soud, soud, soud,  
soud!

Re-enter SERVANTS with supper

Why, when, I say? Nay, good sweet Kate, be merry.

Off with my boots, you rogues! you villains, when?

[Sings] It was the friar of orders grey,  
As he forth walked on his way-

Out, you rogue! you pluck my foot awry;  
Take that, and mend the plucking off the other.

[Strikes him]

Be merry, Kate. Some water, here, what, ho!

Enter one with water

Where's my spaniel Troilus? Sirrah, get you hence,  
And bid my cousin Ferdinand come hither:

Exit

SERVINGMAN

One, Kate, that you must kiss and be acquainted  
with.

Where are my slippers? Shall I have some water?  
Come, Kate, and wash, and welcome heartily.

You whoreson villain! will you let it fall?

[Strikes him]

KATHERINA. Patience, I pray you; 'twas a fault  
unwilling.

PETRUCHIO. A whoreson, beetle-headed, flap-ear'd  
knave!

Come, Kate, sit down; I know you have a stomach.  
Will you give thanks, sweet Kate, or else shall I?  
What's this? Mutton?

FIRST SERVANT. Ay.

PETRUCHIO. Who brought it?

PETER. I.

PETRUCHIO. 'Tis burnt; and so is all the meat.

What dogs are these? Where is the rascal cook?  
How durst you villains bring it from the dresser  
And serve it thus to me that love it not?

There, take it to you, trenchers, cups, and all;  
[Throws the meat,

etc., at them]

You heedless joltheads and unmanner'd slaves!  
What, do you grumble? I'll be with you straight.

Exeunt

SERVANTS

KATHERINA. I pray you, husband, be not so disquiet;

The meat was well, if you were so contented.  
PETRUCHIO. I tell thee, Kate, 'twas burnt and dried  
away,  
And I expressly am forbid to touch it;  
For it engenders choler, planteth anger;  
And better 'twere that both of us did fast,  
Since, of ourselves, ourselves are choleric,  
Than feed it with such over-roasted flesh.  
Be patient; to-morrow 't shall be mended.  
And for this night we'll fast for company.  
Come, I will bring thee to thy bridal  
chamber. Exeunt

Re-enter SERVANTS severally

NATHANIEL. Peter, didst ever see the like?  
PETER. He kills her in her own humour.

Re-enter CURTIS

GRUMIO. Where is he?  
CURTIS. In her chamber. Making a sermon of  
continency to her,  
And rails, and swears, and rates, that she, poor  
soul,  
Knows not which way to stand, to look, to speak.  
And sits as one new risen from a dream.  
Away, away! for he is coming  
hither. Exeunt

Re-enter PETRUCHIO

PETRUCHIO. Thus have I politicly begun my reign,  
And 'tis my hope to end successfully.  
My falcon now is sharp and passing empty.  
And till she stoop she must not be full-gorg'd,  
For then she never looks upon her lure.  
Another way I have to man my haggard,  
To make her come, and know her keeper's call,  
That is, to watch her, as we watch these kites  
That bate and beat, and will not be obedient.  
She eat no meat to-day, nor none shall eat;  
Last night she slept not, nor to-night she shall  
not;  
As with the meat, some undeserved fault

I'll find about the making of the bed;  
And here I'll fling the pillow, there the bolster,  
This way the coverlet, another way the sheets;  
Ay, and amid this hurly I intend  
That all is done in reverend care of her-  
And, in conclusion, she shall watch all night;  
And if she chance to nod I'll rail and brawl  
And with the clamour keep her still awake.  
This is a way to kill a wife with kindness,  
And thus I'll curb her mad and headstrong humour.  
He that knows better how to tame a shrew,  
Now let him speak; 'tis charity to  
show. Exit

SCENE II.

Padua. Before BAPTISTA'S house

Enter TRANIO as LUCENTIO, and HORTENSIO as  
LICIO

TRANIO. Is 't possible, friend Licio, that Mistress  
Bianca

Doth fancy any other but Lucentio?

I tell you, sir, she bears me fair in hand.

HORTENSIO. Sir, to satisfy you in what I have said,  
Stand by and mark the manner of his teaching.

[They  
stand aside]

Enter BIANCA, and LUCENTIO as CAMBIO

LUCENTIO. Now, mistress, profit you in what you  
read?

BIANCA. What, master, read you, First resolve me  
that.

LUCENTIO. I read that I profess, 'The Art to Love.'

BIANCA. And may you prove, sir, master of your art!

LUCENTIO. While you, sweet dear, prove mistress of  
my heart.

[They  
retire]

HORTENSIO. Quick proceeders, marry! Now tell me, I  
pray,

You that durst swear that your Mistress Blanca  
Lov'd none in the world so well as Lucentio.

TRANIO. O despiteful love! unconstant womankind!

I tell thee, Licio, this is wonderful.  
HORTENSIO. Mistake no more; I am not Licio.  
Nor a musician as I seem to be;  
But one that scorn to live in this disguise  
For such a one as leaves a gentleman  
And makes a god of such a cullion.  
Know, sir, that I am call'd Hortensio.

TRANIO. Signior Hortensio, I have often heard  
Of your entire affection to Bianca;  
And since mine eyes are witness of her lightness,  
I will with you, if you be so contented,  
Forswear Bianca and her love for ever.

HORTENSIO. See, how they kiss and court! Signior  
Lucentio,

Here is my hand, and here I firmly vow  
Never to woo her more, but do forswear her,  
As one unworthy all the former favours  
That I have fondly flatter'd her withal.

TRANIO. And here I take the like unfeigned oath,  
Never to marry with her though she would entreat;  
Fie on her! See how beastly she doth court him!

HORTENSIO. Would all the world but he had quite  
forsworn!

For me, that I may surely keep mine oath,  
I will be married to a wealtlly widow  
Ere three days pass, which hath as long lov'd me  
As I have lov'd this proud disdainful haggard.  
And so farewell, Signior Lucentio.  
Kindness in women, not their beauteous looks,  
Shall win my love; and so I take my leave,  
In resolution as I swore

before. Exit

TRANIO. Mistress Bianca, bless you with such grace  
As 'longeth to a lover's blessed case!  
Nay, I have ta'en you napping, gentle love,  
And have forsworn you with Hortensio.

BIANCA. Tranio, you jest; but have you both  
forsworn me?

TRANIO. Mistress, we have.

LUCENTIO. Then we are rid of Licio.

TRANIO. I' faith, he'll have a lusty widow now,  
That shall be woo'd and wedded in a day.

BIANCA. God give him joy!

TRANIO. Ay, and he'll tame her.

BIANCA. He says so, Tranio.

TRANIO. Faith, he is gone unto the taming-school.

BIANCA. The taming-school! What, is there such a place?

TRANIO. Ay, mistress; and Petruchio is the master,  
That teacheth tricks eleven and twenty long,  
To tame a shrew and charm her chattering tongue.

Enter BIONDELLO

BIONDELLO. O master, master, have watch'd so long  
That I am dog-weary; but at last I spied  
An ancient angel coming down the hill  
Will serve the turn.

TRANIO. What is he, Biondello?

BIONDELLO. Master, a mercatante or a pedant,  
I know not what; but formal in apparel,  
In gait and countenance surely like a father.

LUCENTIO. And what of him, Tranio?

TRANIO. If he be credulous and trust my tale,  
I'll make him glad to seem Vincentio,  
And give assurance to Baptista Minola  
As if he were the right Vincentio.  
Take in your love, and then let me alone.

Exeunt LUCENTIO

and BIANCA

Enter a PEDANT

PEDANT. God save you, sir!

TRANIO. And you, sir; you are welcome.

Travel you far on, or are you at the farthest?

PEDANT. Sir, at the farthest for a week or two;  
But then up farther, and as far as Rome;  
And so to Tripoli, if God lend me life.

TRANIO. What countryman, I pray?

PEDANT. Of Mantua.

TRANIO. Of Mantua, sir? Marry, God forbid,  
And come to Padua, careless of your life!

PEDANT. My life, sir! How, I pray? For that goes hard.

TRANIO. 'Tis death for any one in Mantua  
To come to Padua. Know you not the cause?  
Your ships are stay'd at Venice; and the Duke,  
For private quarrel 'twixt your Duke and him,  
Hath publish'd and proclaim'd it openly.



'Tis marvel- but that you are but newly come,  
You might have heard it else proclaim'd about.  
PEDANT. Alas, sir, it is worse for me than so!  
For I have bills for money by exchange  
From Florence, and must here deliver them.  
TRANIO. Well, sir, to do you courtesy,  
This will I do, and this I will advise you-  
First, tell me, have you ever been at Pisa?  
PEDANT. Ay, sir, in Pisa have I often been,  
Pisa renowned for grave citizens.  
TRANIO. Among them know you one Vincentio?  
PEDANT. I know him not, but I have heard of him,  
A merchant of incomparable wealth.  
TRANIO. He is my father, sir; and, sooth to say,  
In count'nance somewhat doth resemble you.  
BIONDELLO. [Aside] As much as an apple doth an  
oyster, and all  
one.  
TRANIO. To save your life in this extremity,  
This favour will I do you for his sake;  
And think it not the worst of all your fortunes  
That you are like to Sir Vincentio.  
His name and credit shall you undertake,  
And in my house you shall be friendly lodg'd;  
Look that you take upon you as you should.  
You understand me, sir. So shall you stay  
Till you have done your business in the city.  
If this be court'sy, sir, accept of it.  
PEDANT. O, sir, I do; and will repute you ever  
The patron of my life and liberty.  
TRANIO. Then go with me to make the matter good.  
This, by the way, I let you understand:  
My father is here look'd for every day  
To pass assurance of a dow'r in marriage  
'Twixt me and one Baptista's daughter here.  
In all these circumstances I'll instruct you.  
Go with me to clothe you as becomes  
you. Exeunt

SCENE III.  
PETRUCHIO'S house

Enter KATHERINA and GRUMIO

GRUMIO. No, no, forsooth; I dare not for my life.  
KATHERINA. The more my wrong, the more his spite

appears.

What, did he marry me to famish me?  
Beggars that come unto my father's door  
Upon entreaty have a present alms;  
If not, elsewhere they meet with charity;  
But I, who never knew how to entreat,  
Nor never needed that I should entreat,  
Am starv'd for meat, giddy for lack of sleep;  
With oaths kept waking, and with brawling fed;  
And that which spites me more than all these

wants-

He does it under name of perfect love;  
As who should say, if I should sleep or eat,  
'Twere deadly sickness or else present death.  
I prithee go and get me some repast;  
I care not what, so it be wholesome food.

GRUMIO. What say you to a neat's foot?

KATHERINA. 'Tis passing good; I prithee let me have it.

GRUMIO. I fear it is too choleric a meat.

How say you to a fat tripe finely broil'd?

KATHERINA. I like it well; good Grumio, fetch it me.

GRUMIO. I cannot tell; I fear 'tis choleric.

What say you to a piece of beef and mustard?

KATHERINA. A dish that I do love to feed upon.

GRUMIO. Ay, but the mustard is too hot a little.

KATHERINA. Why then the beef, and let the mustard rest.

GRUMIO. Nay, then I will not; you shall have the mustard,

Or else you get no beef of Grumio.

KATHERINA. Then both, or one, or anything thou wilt.

GRUMIO. Why then the mustard without the beef.

KATHERINA. Go, get thee gone, thou false deluding slave,

[Beats

him]

That feed'st me with the very name of meat.  
Sorrow on thee and all the pack of you  
That triumph thus upon my misery!  
Go, get thee gone, I say.

Enter PETRUCHIO, and HORTENSIO with meat

PETRUCHIO. How fares my Kate? What, sweeting, all  
amort?

HORTENSIO. Mistress, what cheer?

KATHERINA. Faith, as cold as can be.

PETRUCHIO. Pluck up thy spirits, look cheerfully  
upon me.

Here, love, thou seest how diligent I am,  
To dress thy meat myself, and bring it thee.

I am sure, sweet Kate, this kindness merits  
thanks.

What, not a word? Nay, then thou lov'st it not,  
And all my pains is sorted to no proof.

Here, take away this dish.

KATHERINA. I pray you, let it stand.

PETRUCHIO. The poorest service is repaid with  
thanks;

And so shall mine, before you touch the meat.

KATHERINA. I thank you, sir.

HORTENSIO. Signior Petruchio, fie! you are to blame.

Come, Mistress Kate, I'll bear you company.

PETRUCHIO. [Aside] Eat it up all, Hortensio, if  
thou lovest me.-

Much good do it unto thy gentle heart!

Kate, eat apace. And now, my honey love,

Will we return unto thy father's house

And revel it as bravely as the best,

With silken coats and caps, and golden rings,

With ruffs and cuffs and farthingales and things,

With scarfs and fans and double change of brav'ry.

With amber bracelets, beads, and all this knav'ry.

What, hast thou din'd? The tailor stays thy  
leisure,

To deck thy body with his ruffling treasure.

Enter TAILOR

Come, tailor, let us see these ornaments;  
Lay forth the gown.

Enter HABERDASHER

What news with you, sir?

HABERDASHER. Here is the cap your worship did  
bespeak.

PETRUCHIO. Why, this was moulded on a porringer;

A velvet dish. Fie, fie! 'tis lewd and filthy;  
Why, 'tis a cockle or a walnut-shell,  
A knack, a toy, a trick, a baby's cap.  
Away with it. Come, let me have a bigger.

KATHERINA. I'll have no bigger; this doth fit the  
time,

And gentlewomen wear such caps as these.

PETRUCHIO. When you are gentle, you shall have one  
too,

And not till then.

HORTENSIO. [Aside] That will not be in haste.

KATHERINA. Why, sir, I trust I may have leave to  
speak;

And speak I will. I am no child, no babe.  
Your betters have endur'd me say my mind,  
And if you cannot, best you stop your ears.  
My tongue will tell the anger of my heart,  
Or else my heart, concealing it, will break;  
And rather than it shall, I will be free  
Even to the uttermost, as I please, in words.

PETRUCHIO. Why, thou say'st true; it is a paltry  
cap,

A custard-coffin, a bauble, a silken pie;  
I love thee well in that thou lik'st it not.

KATHERINA. Love me or love me not, I like the cap;  
And it I will have, or I will have none. Exit  
HABERDASHER

PETRUCHIO. Thy gown? Why, ay. Come, tailor, let us  
see't.

O mercy, God! what masquing stuff is here?  
What's this? A sleeve? 'Tis like a demi-cannon.  
What, up and down, carv'd like an appletart?  
Here's snip and nip and cut and slish and slash,  
Like to a censer in a barber's shop.  
Why, what a devil's name, tailor, call'st thou  
this?

HORTENSIO. [Aside] I see she's like to have  
neither cap nor gown.

TAILOR. You bid me make it orderly and well,  
According to the fashion and the time.

PETRUCHIO. Marry, and did; but if you be rememb'red,  
I did not bid you mar it to the time.  
Go, hop me over every kennel home,  
For you shall hop without my custom, sir.  
I'll none of it; hence! make your best of it.

KATHERINA. I never saw a better fashion'd gown,  
More quaint, more pleasing, nor more commendable;  
Belike you mean to make a puppet of me.

PETRUCHIO. Why, true; he means to make a puppet of thee.

TAILOR. She says your worship means to make a puppet of her.

PETRUCHIO. O monstrous arrogance! Thou liest, thou thread, thou

thimble,

Thou yard, three-quarters, half-yard, quarter,  
nail,

Thou flea, thou nit, thou winter-cricket thou-  
Brav'd in mine own house with a skein of thread!  
Away, thou rag, thou quantity, thou remnant;  
Or I shall so bemete thee with thy yard  
As thou shalt think on prating whilst thou liv'st!  
I tell thee, I, that thou hast marr'd her gown.

TAILOR. Your worship is deceiv'd; the gown is made  
Just as my master had direction.

Grumio gave order how it should be done.

GRUMIO. I gave him no order; I gave him the stuff.

TAILOR. But how did you desire it should be made?

GRUMIO. Marry, sir, with needle and thread.

TAILOR. But did you not request to have it cut?

GRUMIO. Thou hast fac'd many things.

TAILOR. I have.

GRUMIO. Face not me. Thou hast brav'd many men;  
brave not me. I

will neither be fac'd nor brav'd. I say unto  
thee, I bid thy

master cut out the gown; but I did not bid him  
cut it to pieces.

Ergo, thou liest.

TAILOR. Why, here is the note of the fashion to  
testify.

PETRUCHIO. Read it.

GRUMIO. The note lies in's throat, if he say I said  
so.

TAILOR. [Reads] 'Imprimis, a loose-bodied gown'-

GRUMIO. Master, if ever I said loose-bodied gown,  
sew me in the  
skirts of it and beat me to death with a bottom  
of brown bread; I  
said a gown.

PETRUCHIO. Proceed.

TAILOR. [Reads] 'With a small compass'd cape'-

GRUMIO. I confess the cape.

TAILOR. [Reads] 'With a trunk sleeve'-

GRUMIO. I confess two sleeves.

TAILOR. [Reads] 'The sleeves curiously cut.'

PETRUCHIO. Ay, there's the villainy.

GRUMIO. Error i' th' bill, sir; error i' th' bill!  
I commanded the

sleeves should be cut out, and sew'd up again;  
and that I'll

prove upon thee, though thy little finger be  
armed in a thimble.

TAILOR. This is true that I say; an I had thee in  
place where, thou  
shouldst know it.

GRUMIO. I am for thee straight; take thou the bill,  
give me thy  
meteyard, and spare not me.

HORTENSIO. God-a-mercy, Grumio! Then he shall have  
no odds.

PETRUCHIO. Well, sir, in brief, the gown is not for  
me.

GRUMIO. You are i' th' right, sir; 'tis for my  
mistress.

PETRUCHIO. Go, take it up unto thy master's use.

GRUMIO. Villain, not for thy life! Take up my  
mistress' gown for  
thy master's use!

PETRUCHIO. Why, sir, what's your conceit in that?

GRUMIO. O, sir, the conceit is deeper than you  
think for.

Take up my mistress' gown to his master's use!  
O fie, fie, fie!

PETRUCHIO. [Aside] Hortensio, say thou wilt see  
the tailor paid.-

Go take it hence; be gone, and say no more.

HORTENSIO. Tailor, I'll pay thee for thy gown to-  
morrow;

Take no unkindness of his hasty words.

Away, I say; commend me to thy master.

Exit TAILOR

PETRUCHIO. Well, come, my Kate; we will unto your  
father's

Even in these honest mean habiliments;

Our purses shall be proud, our garments poor;  
For 'tis the mind that makes the body rich;  
And as the sun breaks through the darkest clouds,  
So honour peereth in the meanest habit.  
What, is the jay more precious than the lark  
Because his feathers are more beautiful?  
Or is the adder better than the eel  
Because his painted skin contents the eye?  
O no, good Kate; neither art thou the worse  
For this poor furniture and mean array.  
If thou account'st it shame, lay it on me;  
And therefore frolic; we will hence forthwith  
To feast and sport us at thy father's house.  
Go call my men, and let us straight to him;  
And bring our horses unto Long-lane end;  
There will we mount, and thither walk on foot.  
Let's see; I think 'tis now some seven o'clock,  
And well we may come there by dinner-time.

KATHERINA. I dare assure you, sir, 'tis almost two,  
And 'twill be supper-time ere you come there.

PETRUCHIO. It shall be seven ere I go to horse.  
Look what I speak, or do, or think to do,  
You are still crossing it. Sirs, let 't alone;  
I will not go to-day; and ere I do,  
It shall be what o'clock I say it is.

HORTENSIO. Why, so this gallant will command the  
sun.

Exeunt

SCENE IV.

Padua. Before BAPTISTA'S house

Enter TRANIO as LUCENTIO, and the PEDANT  
dressed  
like VINCENTIO

TRANIO. Sir, this is the house; please it you that  
I call?

PEDANT. Ay, what else? And, but I be deceived,  
Signior Baptista may remember me  
Near twenty years ago in Genoa,  
Where we were lodgers at the Pegasus.

TRANIO. 'Tis well; and hold your own, in any case,  
With such austerity as longeth to a father.

Enter BIONDELLO

PEDANT. I warrant you. But, sir, here comes your boy;

'Twere good he were school'd.

TRANIO. Fear you not him. Sirrah Biondello,  
Now do your duty thoroughly, I advise you.

Imagine 'twere the right Vincentio.

BIONDELLO. Tut, fear not me.

TRANIO. But hast thou done thy errand to Baptista?

BIONDELLO. I told him that your father was at  
Venice,

And that you look'd for him this day in Padua.

TRANIO. Th'art a tall fellow; hold thee that to  
drink.

Here comes Baptista. Set your countenance, sir.

Enter BAPTISTA, and LUCENTIO as  
CAMBIO

Signior Baptista, you are happily met.

[To To the PEDANT] Sir, this is the gentleman I  
told you of;

I pray you stand good father to me now;  
Give me Bianca for my patrimony.

PEDANT. Soft, son!

Sir, by your leave: having come to Padua  
To gather in some debts, my son Lucentio  
Made me acquainted with a weighty cause  
Of love between your daughter and himself;  
And- for the good report I hear of you,  
And for the love he beareth to your daughter,  
And she to him- to stay him not too long,  
I am content, in a good father's care,  
To have him match'd; and, if you please to like  
No worse than I, upon some agreement  
Me shall you find ready and willing  
With one consent to have her so bestow'd;  
For curious I cannot be with you,  
Signior Baptista, of whom I hear so well.

BAPTISTA. Sir, pardon me in what I have to say.  
Your plainness and your shortness please me well.  
Right true it is your son Lucentio here  
Doth love my daughter, and she loveth him,  
Or both dissemble deeply their affections;  
And therefore, if you say no more than this,



That like a father you will deal with him,  
And pass my daughter a sufficient dower,  
The match is made, and all is done-  
Your son shall have my daughter with consent.

TRANIO. I thank you, sir. Where then do you know  
best

We be affied, and such assurance ta'en  
As shall with either part's agreement stand?

BAPTISTA. Not in my house, Lucentio, for you know  
Pitchers have ears, and I have many servants;  
Besides, old Gremio is heark'ning still,  
And happily we might be interrupted.

TRANIO. Then at my lodging, an it like you.  
There doth my father lie; and there this night  
We'll pass the business privately and well.  
Send for your daughter by your servant here;  
My boy shall fetch the scrivener presently.  
The worst is this, that at so slender warning  
You are like to have a thin and slender pittance.

BAPTISTA. It likes me well. Cambio, hie you home,  
And bid Bianca make her ready straight;  
And, if you will, tell what hath happened-  
Lucentio's father is arriv'd in Padua,  
And how she's like to be Lucentio's wife.

Exit LUCENTIO

BIONDELLO. I pray the gods she may, with all my  
heart.

TRANIO. Dally not with the gods, but get thee gone.  
Exit

BIONDELLO

Signior Baptista, shall I lead the way?  
Welcome! One mess is like to be your cheer;  
Come, sir; we will better it in Pisa.

BAPTISTA. I follow  
you. Exeunt

Re-enter LUCENTIO as CAMBIO, and BIONDELLO

BIONDELLO. Cambio.

LUCENTIO. What say'st thou, Biondello?

BIONDELLO. You saw my master wink and laugh upon  
you?

LUCENTIO. Biondello, what of that?

BIONDELLO. Faith, nothing; but has left me here  
behind to expound

the meaning or moral of his signs and tokens.  
LUCENTIO. I pray thee moralize them.  
BIONDELLO. Then thus: Baptista is safe, talking  
with the deceiving  
father of a deceitful son.  
LUCENTIO. And what of him?  
BIONDELLO. His daughter is to be brought by you to  
the supper.  
LUCENTIO. And then?  
BIONDELLO. The old priest at Saint Luke's church is  
at your command  
at all hours.  
LUCENTIO. And what of all this?  
BIONDELLO. I cannot tell, except they are busied  
about a  
counterfeit assurance. Take your assurance of  
her, cum privilegio  
ad imprimendum solum; to th' church take the  
priest, clerk, and  
some sufficient honest witnesses.  
If this be not that you look for, I have more to  
say,  
But bid Bianca farewell for ever and a day.  
LUCENTIO. Hear'st thou, Biondello?  
BIONDELLO. I cannot tarry. I knew a wench married  
in an afternoon  
as she went to the garden for parsley to stuff a  
rabbit; and so  
may you, sir; and so adieu, sir. My master hath  
appointed me to  
go to Saint Luke's to bid the priest be ready to  
come against you  
come with your appendix.

Exit

LUCENTIO. I may and will, if she be so contented.  
She will be pleas'd; then wherefore should I  
doubt?  
Hap what hap may, I'll roundly go about her;  
It shall go hard if Cambio go without  
her.

Exit

SCENE V.  
A public road

Enter PETRUCHIO, KATHERINA, HORTENSIO, and  
SERVANTS

PETRUCHIO. Come on, a God's name; once more toward our father's.

Good Lord, how bright and goodly shines the moon!

KATHERINA. The moon? The sun! It is not moonlight now.

PETRUCHIO. I say it is the moon that shines so bright.

KATHERINA. I know it is the sun that shines so bright.

PETRUCHIO. Now by my mother's son, and that's myself,

It shall be moon, or star, or what I list,

Or ere I journey to your father's house.

Go on and fetch our horses back again.

Evermore cross'd and cross'd; nothing but cross'd!

HORTENSIO. Say as he says, or we shall never go.

KATHERINA. Forward, I pray, since we have come so far,

And be it moon, or sun, or what you please;

And if you please to call it a rush-candle,

Henceforth I vow it shall be so for me.

PETRUCHIO. I say it is the moon.

KATHERINA. I know it is the moon.

PETRUCHIO. Nay, then you lie; it is the blessed sun.

KATHERINA. Then, God be bless'd, it is the blessed sun;

But sun it is not, when you say it is not;

And the moon changes even as your mind.

What you will have it nam'd, even that it is,

And so it shall be so for Katherine.

HORTENSIO. Petruchio, go thy ways, the field is won.

PETRUCHIO. Well, forward, forward! thus the bowl should run,

And not unluckily against the bias.

But, soft! Company is coming here.

Enter VINCENTIO

[To VINCENTIO] Good-morrow, gentle mistress; where away?—

Tell me, sweet Kate, and tell me truly too,

Hast thou beheld a fresher gentlewoman?

Such war of white and red within her cheeks!

What stars do spangle heaven with such beauty

As those two eyes become that heavenly face?  
Fair lovely maid, once more good day to thee.  
Sweet Kate, embrace her for her beauty's sake.

HORTENSIO. 'A will make the man mad, to make a woman of him.

KATHERINA. Young budding virgin, fair and fresh and sweet,

Whither away, or where is thy abode?  
Happy the parents of so fair a child;  
Happier the man whom favourable stars  
Allots thee for his lovely bed-fellow.

PETRUCHIO. Why, how now, Kate, I hope thou art not mad!

This is a man, old, wrinkled, faded, withered,  
And not a maiden, as thou sayst he is.

KATHERINA. Pardon, old father, my mistaking eyes,  
That have been so bedazzled with the sun  
That everything I look on seemeth green;  
Now I perceive thou art a reverend father.  
Pardon, I pray thee, for my mad mistaking.

PETRUCHIO. Do, good old grandsire, and withal make known

Which way thou travellest- if along with us,  
We shall be joyful of thy company.

VINCENTIO. Fair sir, and you my merry mistress,  
That with your strange encounter much amaz'd me,  
My name is call'd Vincentio, my dwelling Pisa,  
And bound I am to Padua, there to visit  
A son of mine, which long I have not seen.

PETRUCHIO. What is his name?

VINCENTIO. Lucentio, gentle sir.

PETRUCHIO. Happily met; the happier for thy son.

And now by law, as well as reverend age,  
I may entitle thee my loving father:  
The sister to my wife, this gentlewoman,  
Thy son by this hath married. Wonder not,  
Nor be not grieved- she is of good esteem,  
Her dowry wealthy, and of worthy birth;  
Beside, so qualified as may beseem  
The spouse of any noble gentleman.  
Let me embrace with old Vincentio;  
And wander we to see thy honest son,  
Who will of thy arrival be full joyous.

VINCENTIO. But is this true; or is it else your pleasure,

Like pleasant travellers, to break a jest  
Upon the company you overtake?  
HORTENSIO. I do assure thee, father, so it is.  
PETRUCHIO. Come, go along, and see the truth hereof;  
For our first merriment hath made thee jealous.  
Exeunt all

but HORTENSIO

HORTENSIO. Well, Petruchio, this has put me in  
heart.

Have to my widow; and if she be froward,  
Then hast thou taught Hortensio to be  
untoward. Exit

ACT V. SCENE I.

Padua. Before LUCENTIO'S house

Enter BIONDELLO, LUCENTIO, and BIANCA;

GREMIO

is out before

BIONDELLO. Softly and swiftly, sir, for the priest  
is ready.

LUCENTIO. I fly, Biondello; but they may chance to  
need the at  
home, therefore leave us.

BIONDELLO. Nay, faith, I'll see the church a your  
back, and then  
come back to my master's as soon as I can.

Exeunt LUCENTIO, BIANCA,

and BIONDELLO

GREMIO. I marvel Cambio comes not all this while.

Enter PETRUCHIO, KATHERINA, VINCENTIO,

GRUMIO,

and ATTENDANTS

PETRUCHIO. Sir, here's the door; this is Lucentio's  
house;

My father's bears more toward the market-place;  
Thither must I, and here I leave you, sir.

VINCENTIO. You shall not choose but drink before  
you go;

I think I shall command your welcome here,  
And by all likelihood some cheer is  
toward. [Knocks]

GREMIO. They're busy within; you were best knock

louder.

[PEDANT looks out of the window]

PEDANT. What's he that knocks as he would beat down the gate?

VINCENTIO. Is Signior Lucentio within, sir?

PEDANT. He's within, sir, but not to be spoken withal.

VINCENTIO. What if a man bring him a hundred pound or two to make merry withal?

PEDANT. Keep your hundred pounds to yourself; he shall need none so long as I live.

PETRUCHIO. Nay, I told you your son was well beloved in Padua. Do

you hear, sir? To leave frivolous circumstances, I pray you tell

Signior Lucentio that his father is come from Pisa, and is here at the door to speak with him.

PEDANT. Thou liest: his father is come from Padua, and here looking out at the window.

VINCENTIO. Art thou his father?

PEDANT. Ay, sir; so his mother says, if I may believe her.

PETRUCHIO. [To VINCENTIO] Why, how now, gentleman! Why, this is flat knavery to take upon you another man's name.

PEDANT. Lay hands on the villain; I believe 'a means to cozen somebody in this city under my countenance.

Re-enter BIONDELLO

BIONDELLO. I have seen them in the church together. God send 'em

good shipping! But who is here? Mine old master, Vicentio! Now we are undone and brought to nothing.

VINCENTIO. [Seeing BIONDELLO] Come hither, crack-hemp.

BIONDELLO. I hope I may choose, sir.

VINCENTIO. Come hither, you rogue. What, have you

forgot me?

BIONDELLO. Forgot you! No, sir. I could not forget you, for I never saw you before in all my life.

VINCENTIO. What, you notorious villain, didst thou never see thy master's father, Vincentio?

BIONDELLO. What, my old worshipful old master? Yes, marry, sir; see where he looks out of the window.

VINCENTIO. Is't so, indeed? [He beats BIONDELLO]

BIONDELLO. Help, help, help! Here's a madman will murder me.

Exit

PEDANT. Help, son! help, Signior Baptista! Exit from above

PETRUCHIO. Prithee, Kate, let's stand aside and see the end of this controversy. [They stand aside]

Re-enter PEDANT below; BAPTISTA, TRANIO, and SERVANTS

TRANIO. Sir, what are you that offer to beat my servant?

VINCENTIO. What am I, sir? Nay, what are you, sir? O immortal gods!

O fine villain! A silken doublet, a velvet hose, a scarlet cloak,

and a copatain hat! O, I am undone! I am undone! While I play the good husband at home, my son and my servant spend all at the university.

TRANIO. How now! what's the matter?

BAPTISTA. What, is the man lunatic?

TRANIO. Sir, you seem a sober ancient gentleman by your habit, but

your words show you a madman. Why, sir, what 'cerns it you if I

wear pearl and gold? I thank my good father, I am able to maintain it.

VINCENTIO. Thy father! O villain! he is a sailmaker in Bergamo.

BAPTISTA. You mistake, sir; you mistake, sir. Pray, what do you

think is his name?

VINCENTIO. His name! As if I knew not his name! I have brought him

up ever since he was three years old, and his name is Tranio.

PEDANT. Away, away, mad ass! His name is Lucentio; and he is mine

only son, and heir to the lands of me, Signior Vicentio.

VINCENTIO. Lucentio! O, he hath murd'red his master! Lay hold on

him, I charge you, in the Duke's name. O, my son, my son! Tell

me, thou villain, where is my son, Lucentio?

TRANIO. Call forth an officer.

Enter one with an OFFICER

Carry this mad knave to the gaol. Father Baptista, I charge you

see that he be forthcoming.

VINCENTIO. Carry me to the gaol!

GREMIO. Stay, Officer; he shall not go to prison.

BAPTISTA. Talk not, Signior Gremio; I say he shall go to prison.

GREMIO. Take heed, Signior Baptista, lest you be cony-catch'd in

this business; I dare swear this is the right Vincentio.

PEDANT. Swear if thou dar'st.

GREMIO. Nay, I dare not swear it.

TRANIO. Then thou wert best say that I am not Lucentio.

GREMIO. Yes, I know thee to be Signior Lucentio.

BAPTISTA. Away with the dotard; to the gaol with him!

VINCENTIO. Thus strangers may be hal'd and abus'd. O monstrous villain!

Re-enter BIONDELLO, with LUCENTIO and BIANCA



BIONDELLO. O, we are spoil'd; and yonder he is!  
Deny him, forswear

him, or else we are all undone.

Exeunt BIONDELLO, TRANIO, and PEDANT, as  
fast as may be

LUCENTIO. [Kneeling] Pardon, sweet father.

VINCENTIO. Lives my sweet son?

BIANCA. Pardon, dear father.

BAPTISTA. How hast thou offended?

Where is Lucentio?

LUCENTIO. Here's Lucentio,

Right son to the right Vincentio,

That have by marriage made thy daughter mine,

While counterfeit supposes blear'd thine eyne.

GREMIO. Here's packing, with a witness, to deceive  
us all!

VINCENTIO. Where is that damned villain, Tranio,

That fac'd and brav'd me in this matter so?

BAPTISTA. Why, tell me, is not this my Cambio?

BIANCA. Cambio is chang'd into Lucentio.

LUCENTIO. Love wrought these miracles. Bianca's love

Made me exchange my state with Tranio,

While he did bear my countenance in the town;

And happily I have arrived at the last

Unto the wished haven of my bliss.

What Tranio did, myself enforc'd him to;

Then pardon him, sweet father, for my sake.

VINCENTIO. I'll slit the villain's nose that would  
have sent me to  
the gaol.

BAPTISTA. [To LUCENTIO] But do you hear, sir?  
Have you married my  
daughter without asking my good will?

VINCENTIO. Fear not, Baptista; we will content you,  
go to; but I

will in to be revenged for this  
villainy. Exit

BAPTISTA. And I to sound the depth of this  
knavery. Exit

LUCENTIO. Look not pale, Bianca; thy father will  
not frown.

Exeunt LUCENTIO

and BIANCA

GREMIO. My cake is dough, but I'll in among the

rest;

Out of hope of all but my share of the  
feast. Exit

KATHERINA. Husband, let's follow to see the end of  
this ado.

PETRUCHIO. First kiss me, Kate, and we will.

KATHERINA. What, in the midst of the street?

PETRUCHIO. What, art thou asham'd of me?

KATHERINA. No, sir; God forbid; but asham'd to kiss.

PETRUCHIO. Why, then, let's home again. Come,  
sirrah, let's away.

KATHERINA. Nay, I will give thee a kiss; now pray  
thee, love, stay.

PETRUCHIO. Is not this well? Come, my sweet Kate:

Better once than never, for never too  
late. Exeunt

## SCENE II.

LUCENTIO'S house

Enter BAPTISTA, VINCENTIO, GREMIO, the  
PEDANT,

LUCENTIO, BIANCA, PETRUCHIO, KATHERINA,  
HORTENSIO,

and WIDOW. The SERVINGMEN with TRANIO,  
BIONDELLO, and GRUMIO,

bringing in a banquet

LUCENTIO. At last, though long, our jarring notes  
agree;

And time it is when raging war is done  
To smile at scapes and perils overblown.  
My fair Bianca, bid my father welcome,  
While I with self-same kindness welcome thine.  
Brother Petruchio, sister Katherina,  
And thou, Hortensio, with thy loving widow,  
Feast with the best, and welcome to my house.  
My banquet is to close our stomachs up  
After our great good cheer. Pray you, sit down;  
For now we sit to chat as well as eat.

[They sit]

PETRUCHIO. Nothing but sit and sit, and eat and eat!

BAPTISTA. Padua affords this kindness, son  
Petruchio.

PETRUCHIO. Padua affords nothing but what is kind.

HORTENSIO. For both our sakes I would that word

were true.

PETRUCHIO. Now, for my life, Hortensio fears his widow.

WIDOW. Then never trust me if I be afeard.

PETRUCHIO. YOU are very sensible, and yet you miss my sense:

I mean Hortensio is afeard of you.

WIDOW. He that is giddy thinks the world turns round.

PETRUCHIO. Roundly replied.

KATHERINA. Mistress, how mean you that?

WIDOW. Thus I conceive by him.

PETRUCHIO. Conceive by me! How likes Hortensio that?

HORTENSIO. My widow says thus she conceives her tale.

PETRUCHIO. Very well mended. Kiss him for that, good widow.

KATHERINA. 'He that is giddy thinks the world turns round.'

I pray you tell me what you meant by that.

WIDOW. Your husband, being troubled with a shrew,

Measures my husband's sorrow by his woe;

And now you know my meaning.

KATHERINA. A very mean meaning.

WIDOW. Right, I mean you.

KATHERINA. And I am mean, indeed, respecting you.

PETRUCHIO. To her, Kate!

HORTENSIO. To her, widow!

PETRUCHIO. A hundred marks, my Kate does put her down.

HORTENSIO. That's my office.

PETRUCHIO. Spoke like an officer- ha' to thee, lad.

[Drinks to

HORTENSIO]

BAPTISTA. How likes Gremio these quick-witted folks?

GREMIO. Believe me, sir, they butt together well.

BIANCA. Head and butt! An hasty-witted body

Would say your head and butt were head and horn.

VINCENTIO. Ay, mistress bride, hath that awakened you?

BIANCA. Ay, but not frightened me; therefore I'll sleep again.

PETRUCHIO. Nay, that you shall not; since you have begun,

Have at you for a bitter jest or two.

BIANCA. Am I your bird? I mean to shift my bush,  
And then pursue me as you draw your bow.  
You are welcome all.

Exeunt BIANCA,

KATHERINA, and WIDOW

PETRUCHIO. She hath prevented me. Here, Signior  
Tranio,

This bird you aim'd at, though you hit her not;  
Therefore a health to all that shot and miss'd.

TRANIO. O, sir, Lucentio slipp'd me like his  
greyhound,

Which runs himself, and catches for his master.

PETRUCHIO. A good swift simile, but something  
currish.

TRANIO. 'Tis well, sir, that you hunted for  
yourself;

'Tis thought your deer does hold you at a bay.

BAPTISTA. O, O, Petruchio! Tranio hits you now.

LUCENTIO. I thank thee for that gird, good Tranio.

HORTENSIO. Confess, confess; hath he not hit you  
here?

PETRUCHIO. 'A has a little gall'd me, I confess;  
And, as the jest did glance away from me,  
'Tis ten to one it maim'd you two outright.

BAPTISTA. Now, in good sadness, son Petruchio,  
I think thou hast the veriest shrew of all.

PETRUCHIO. Well, I say no; and therefore, for  
assurance,

Let's each one send unto his wife,  
And he whose wife is most obedient,  
To come at first when he doth send for her,  
Shall win the wager which we will propose.

HORTENSIO. Content. What's the wager?

LUCENTIO. Twenty crowns.

PETRUCHIO. Twenty crowns?

I'll venture so much of my hawk or hound,  
But twenty times so much upon my wife.

LUCENTIO. A hundred then.

HORTENSIO. Content.

PETRUCHIO. A match! 'tis done.

HORTENSIO. Who shall begin?

LUCENTIO. That will I.

Go, Biondello, bid your mistress come to me.

BIONDELLO. I

go.

Exit

BAPTISTA. Son, I'll be your half Bianca comes.

LUCENTIO. I'll have no halves; I'll bear it all myself.

Re-enter BIONDELLO

How now! what news?

BIONDELLO. Sir, my mistress sends you word

That she is busy and she cannot come.

PETRUCHIO. How! She's busy, and she cannot come!

Is that an answer?

GREMIO. Ay, and a kind one too.

Pray God, sir, your wife send you not a worse.

PETRUCHIO. I hope better.

HORTENSIO. Sirrah Biondello, go and entreat my wife

To come to me forthwith.

Exit BIONDELLO

PETRUCHIO. O, ho! entreat her!

Nay, then she must needs come.

HORTENSIO. I am afraid, sir,

Do what you can, yours will not be entreated.

Re-enter BIONDELLO

Now, where's my wife?

BIONDELLO. She says you have some goodly jest in hand:

She will not come; she bids you come to her.

PETRUCHIO. Worse and worse; she will not come! O vile,

Intolerable, not to be endur'd!

Sirrah Grumio, go to your mistress;

Say I command her come to me.

Exit GRUMIO

HORTENSIO. I know her answer.

PETRUCHIO. What?

HORTENSIO. She will not.

PETRUCHIO. The fouler fortune mine, and there an end.

Re-enter KATHERINA

BAPTISTA. Now, by my holidame, here comes Katherina!

KATHERINA. What is your sir, that you send for me?

PETRUCHIO. Where is your sister, and Hortensio's wife?

KATHERINA. They sit conferring by the parlour fire.

PETRUCHIO. Go, fetch them hither; if they deny to come.

Swinge me them soundly forth unto their husbands.

Away, I say, and bring them hither straight.

Exit

KATHERINA

LUCENTIO. Here is a wonder, if you talk of a wonder.

HORTENSIO. And so it is. I wonder what it bodes.

PETRUCHIO. Marry, peace it bodes, and love, and quiet life,

An awful rule, and right supremacy;

And, to be short, what not that's sweet and happy.

BAPTISTA. Now fair befall thee, good Petruchio!

The wager thou hast won; and I will ad

Unto their losses twenty thousand crowns;

Another dowry to another daughter,

For she is chang'd, as she had never been.

PETRUCHIO. Nay, I will win my wager better yet,

And show more sign of her obedience,

Her new-built virtue and obedience.

Re-enter KATHERINA with BIANCA and

WIDOW

See where she comes, and brings your froward wives  
As prisoners to her womanly persuasion.

Katherine, that cap of yours becomes you not:

Off with that bauble, throw it underfoot.

[KATHERINA

complies]

WIDOW. Lord, let me never have a cause to sigh

Till I be brought to such a silly pass!

BIANCA. Fie! what a foolish duty call you this?

LUCENTIO. I would your duty were as foolish too;

The wisdom of your duty, fair Bianca,

Hath cost me a hundred crowns since supper-time!

BIANCA. The more fool you for laying on my duty.

PETRUCHIO. Katherine, I charge thee, tell these  
headstrong women

What duty they do owe their lords and husbands.

WIDOW. Come, come, you're mocking; we will have no  
telling.

PETRUCHIO. Come on, I say; and first begin with her.

WIDOW. She shall not.

PETRUCHIO. I say she shall. And first begin with her.

KATHERINA. Fie, fie! unknit that threatening unkind brow,

And dart not scornful glances from those eyes  
To wound thy lord, thy king, thy governor.  
It blots thy beauty as frosts do bite the meads,  
Confounds thy fame as whirlwinds shake fair buds,  
And in no sense is meet or amiable.  
A woman mov'd is like a fountain troubled-  
Muddy, ill-seeming, thick, bereft of beauty;  
And while it is so, none so dry or thirsty  
Will deign to sip or touch one drop of it.  
Thy husband is thy lord, thy life, thy keeper,  
Thy head, thy sovereign; one that cares for thee,  
And for thy maintenance commits his body  
To painful labour both by sea and land,  
To watch the night in storms, the day in cold,  
Whilst thou liest warm at home, secure and safe;  
And craves no other tribute at thy hands  
But love, fair looks, and true obedience-  
Too little payment for so great a debt.  
Such duty as the subject owes the prince,  
Even such a woman oweth to her husband;  
And when she is froward, peevish, sullen, sour,  
And not obedient to his honest will,  
What is she but a foul contending rebel  
And graceless traitor to her loving lord?  
I am asham'd that women are so simple  
To offer war where they should kneel for peace;  
Or seek for rule, supremacy, and sway,  
When they are bound to serve, love, and obey.  
Why are our bodies soft and weak and smooth,  
Unapt to toll and trouble in the world,  
But that our soft conditions and our hearts  
Should well agree with our external parts?  
Come, come, you froward and unable wrens!  
My mind hath been as big as one of yours,  
My heart as great, my reason haply more,  
To bandy word for word and frown for frown;  
But now I see our lances are but straws,  
Our strength as weak, our weakness past compare,  
That seeming to be most which we indeed least are.

Then vail your stomachs, for it is no boot,  
And place your hands below your husband's foot;  
In token of which duty, if he please,  
My hand is ready, may it do him ease.

PETRUCHIO. Why, there's a wench! Come on, and kiss  
me, Kate.

LUCENTIO. Well, go thy ways, old lad, for thou  
shalt ha't.

VINCENTIO. 'Tis a good hearing when children are  
toward.

LUCENTIO. But a harsh hearing when women are  
froward.

PETRUCHIO. Come, Kate, we'll to bed.

We three are married, but you two are sped.

[To LUCENTIO] 'Twas I won the wager, though you  
hit the white;

And being a winner, God give you good night!

Exeunt PETRUCHIO

and KATHERINA

HORTENSIO. Now go thy ways; thou hast tam'd a curst  
shrow.

LUCENTIO. 'Tis a wonder, by your leave, she will be  
tam'd so.

Exeunt